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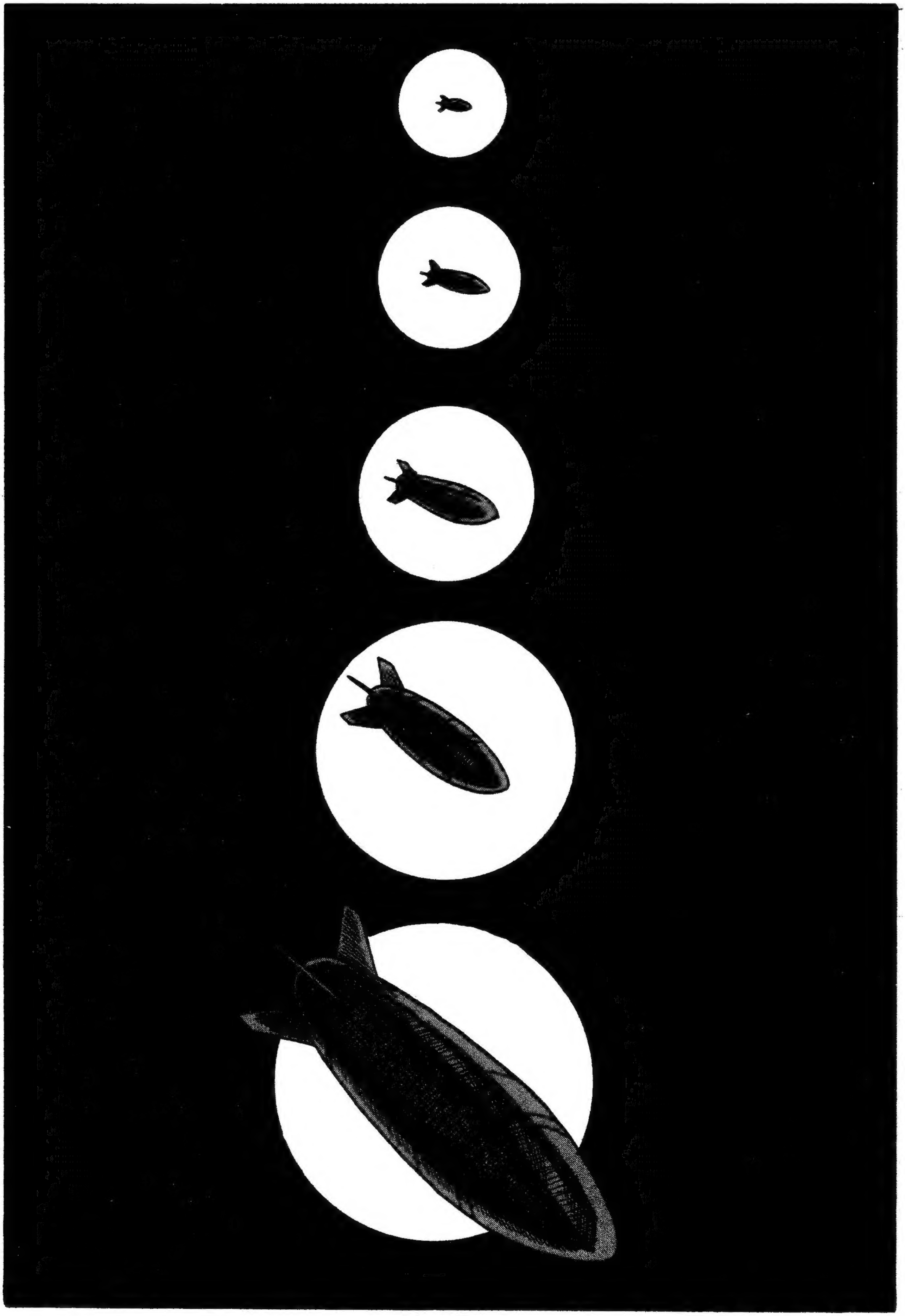

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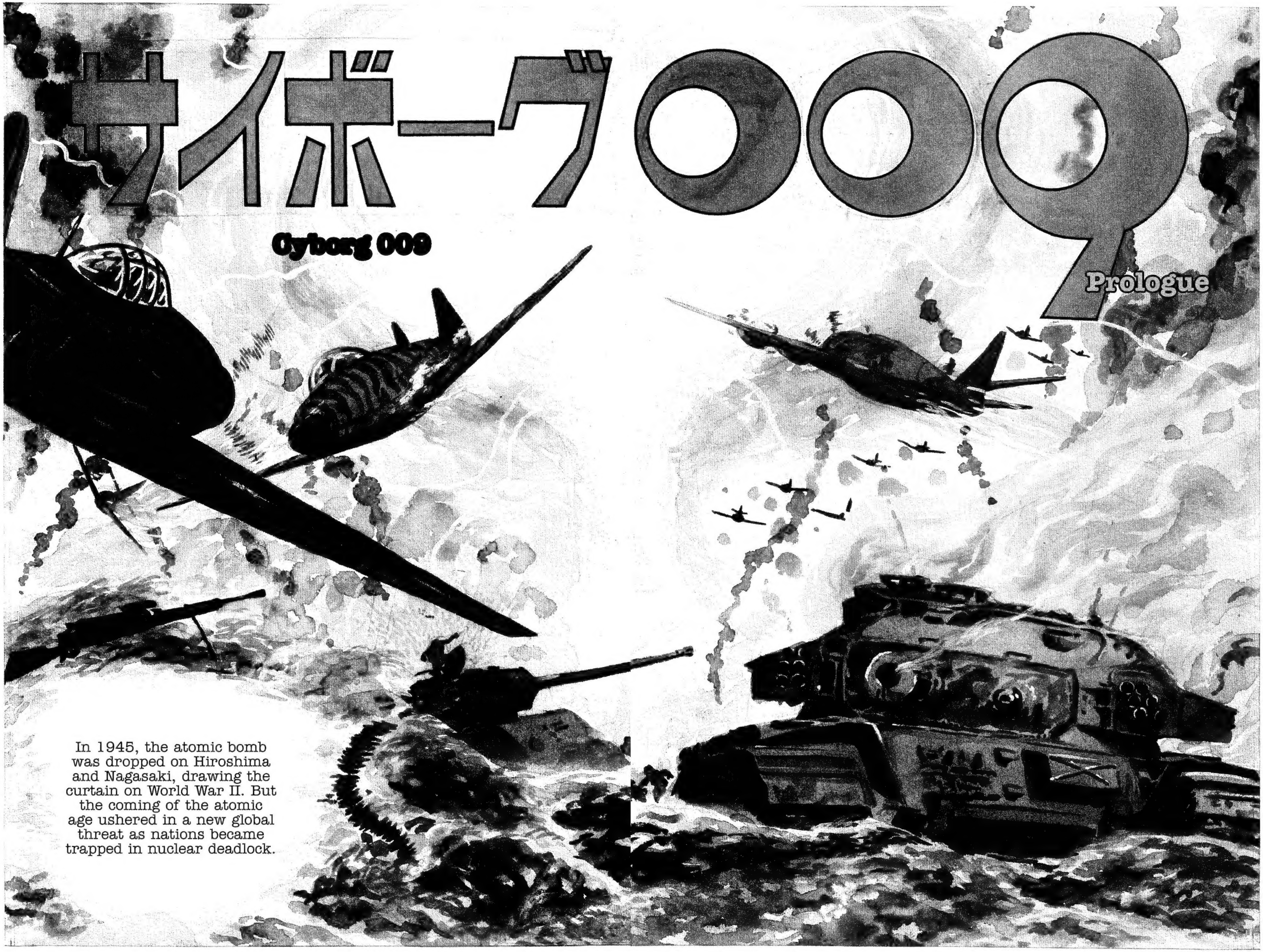
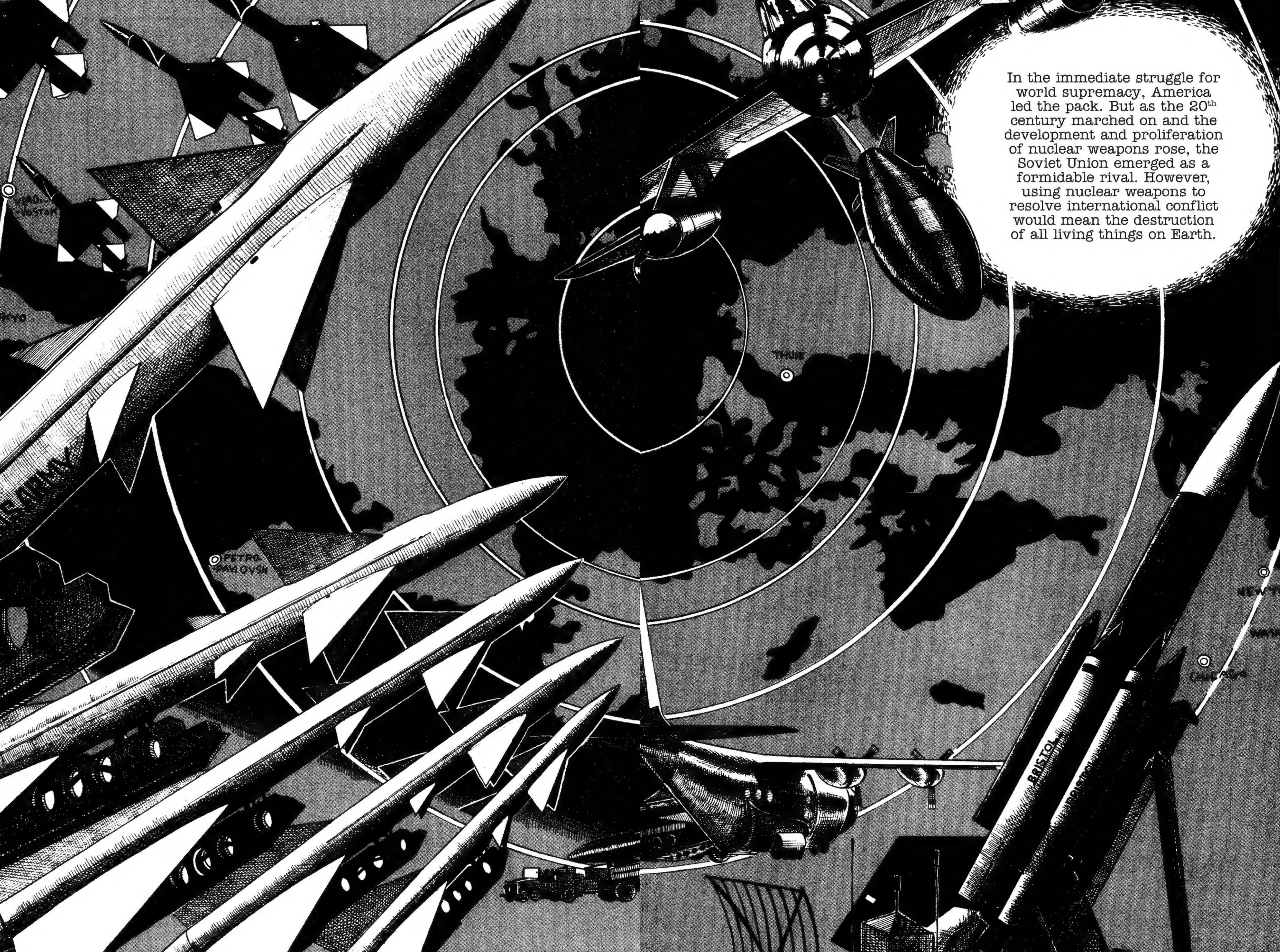
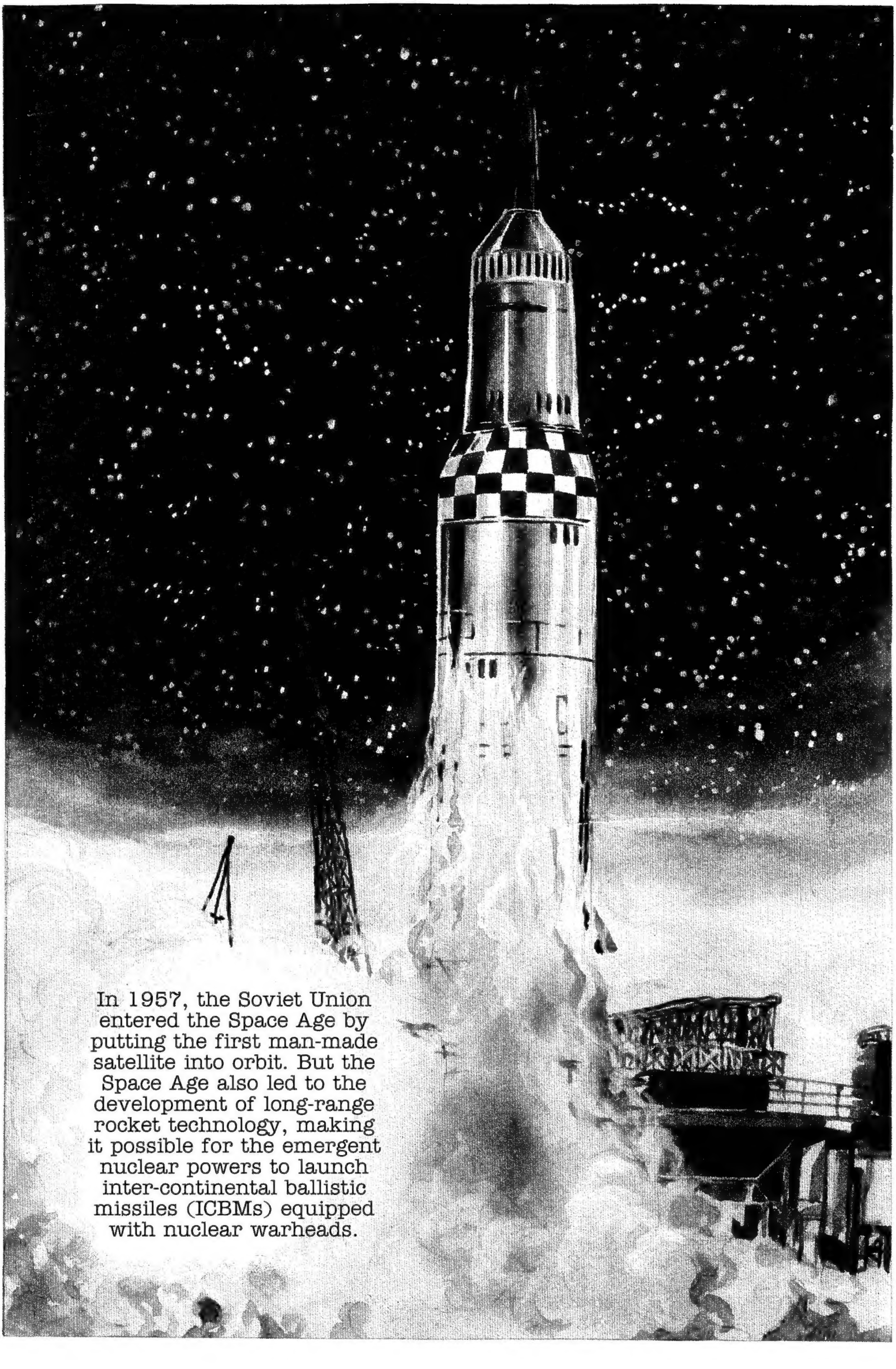
Prologue


In 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, drawing the curtain on World War II. But the coming of the atomic age ushered in a new global threat as nations became trapped in nuclear deadlock.

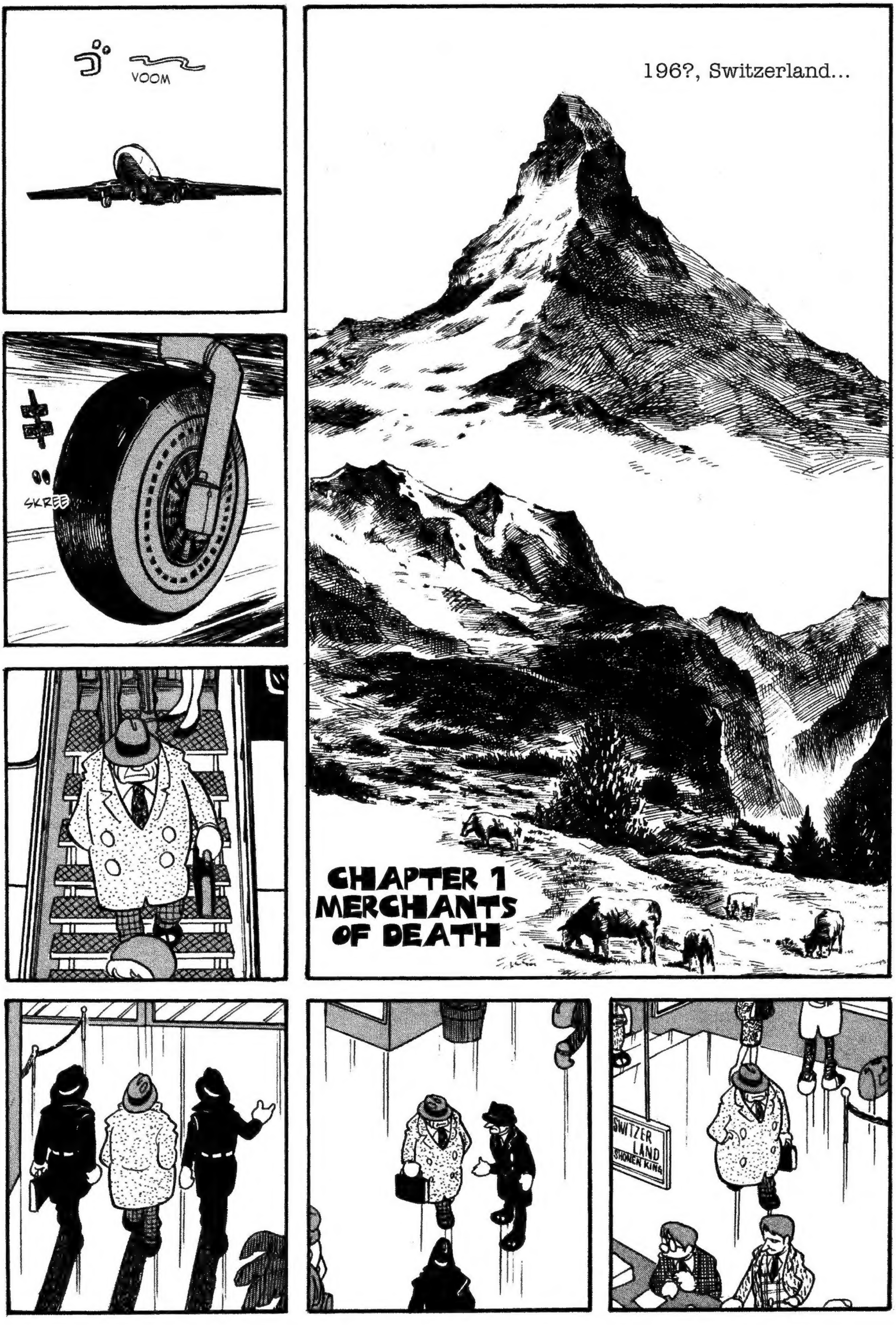


In the immediate struggle for world supremacy, America led the pack. But as the 20th century marched on and the development and proliferation of nuclear weapons rose, the Soviet Union emerged as a formidable rival. However, using nuclear weapons to resolve international conflict would mean the destruction of all living things on Earth.

VLAD--VOSTOK
KYO
ARMY
PETRO-PAVLOVSK
THULE
NEW Y
WASH
CHICAGO
BRISTOL



In 1957, the Soviet Union entered the Space Age by putting the first man-made satellite into orbit. But the Space Age also led to the development of long-range rocket technology, making it possible for the emergent nuclear powers to launch inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) equipped with nuclear warheads.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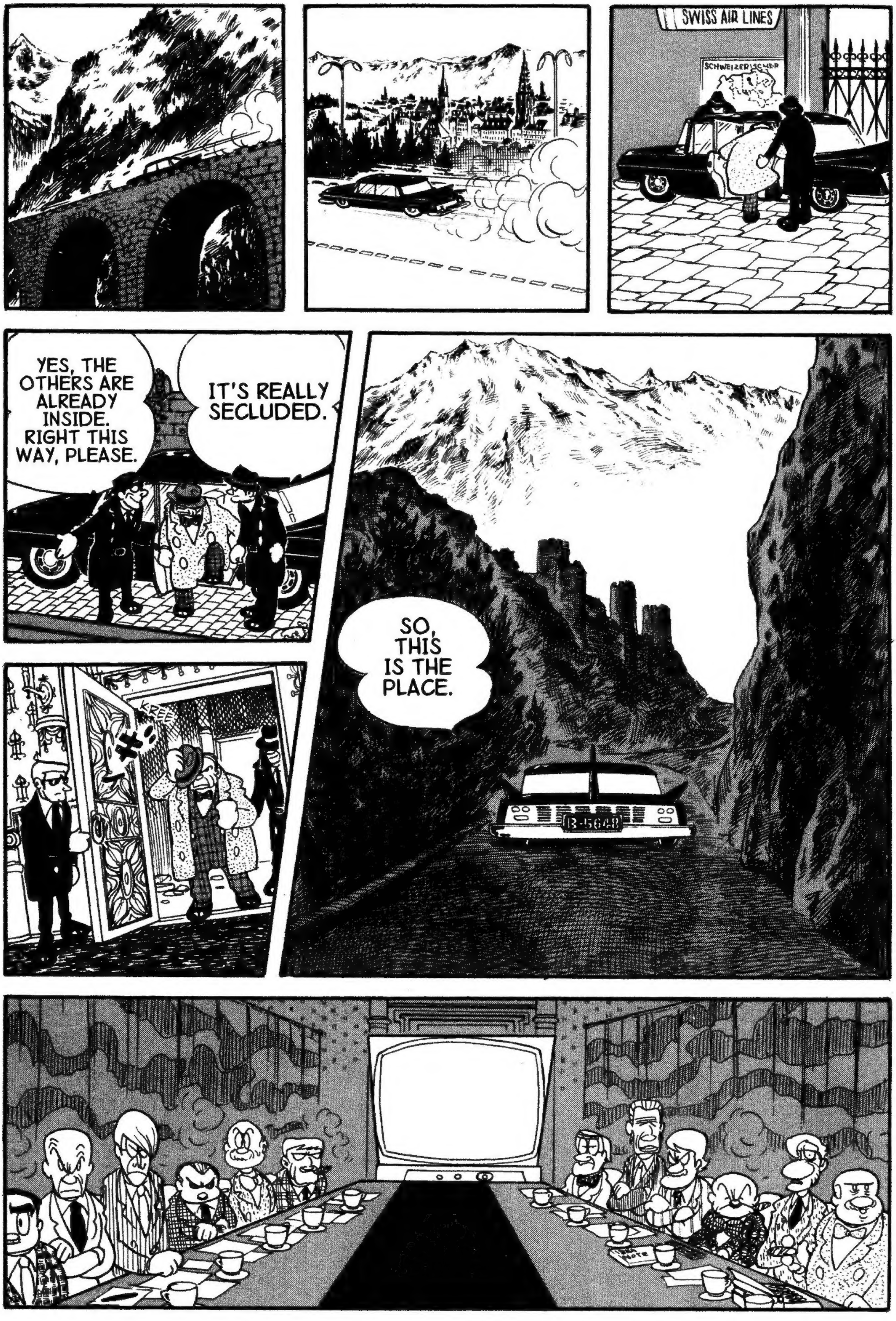
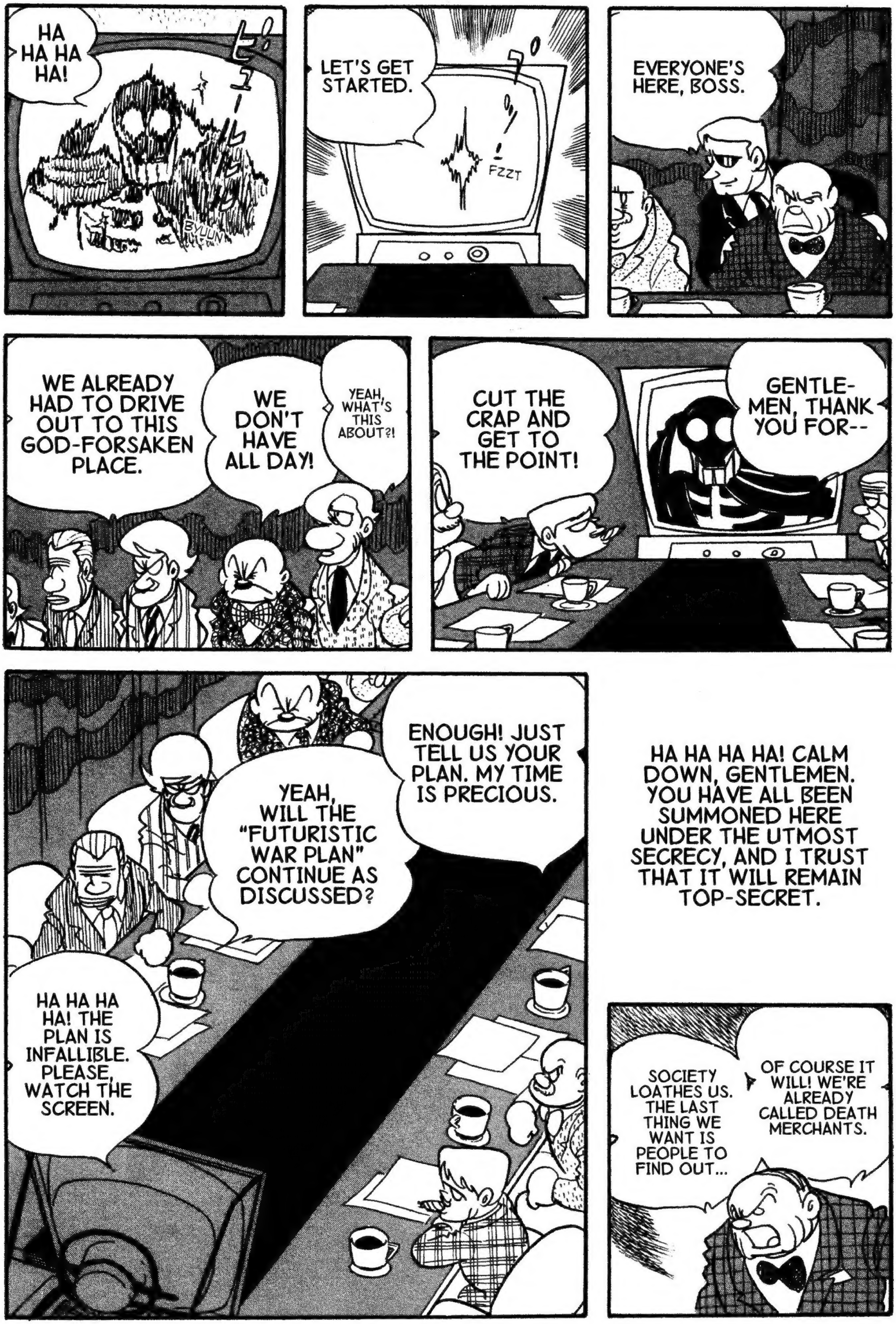
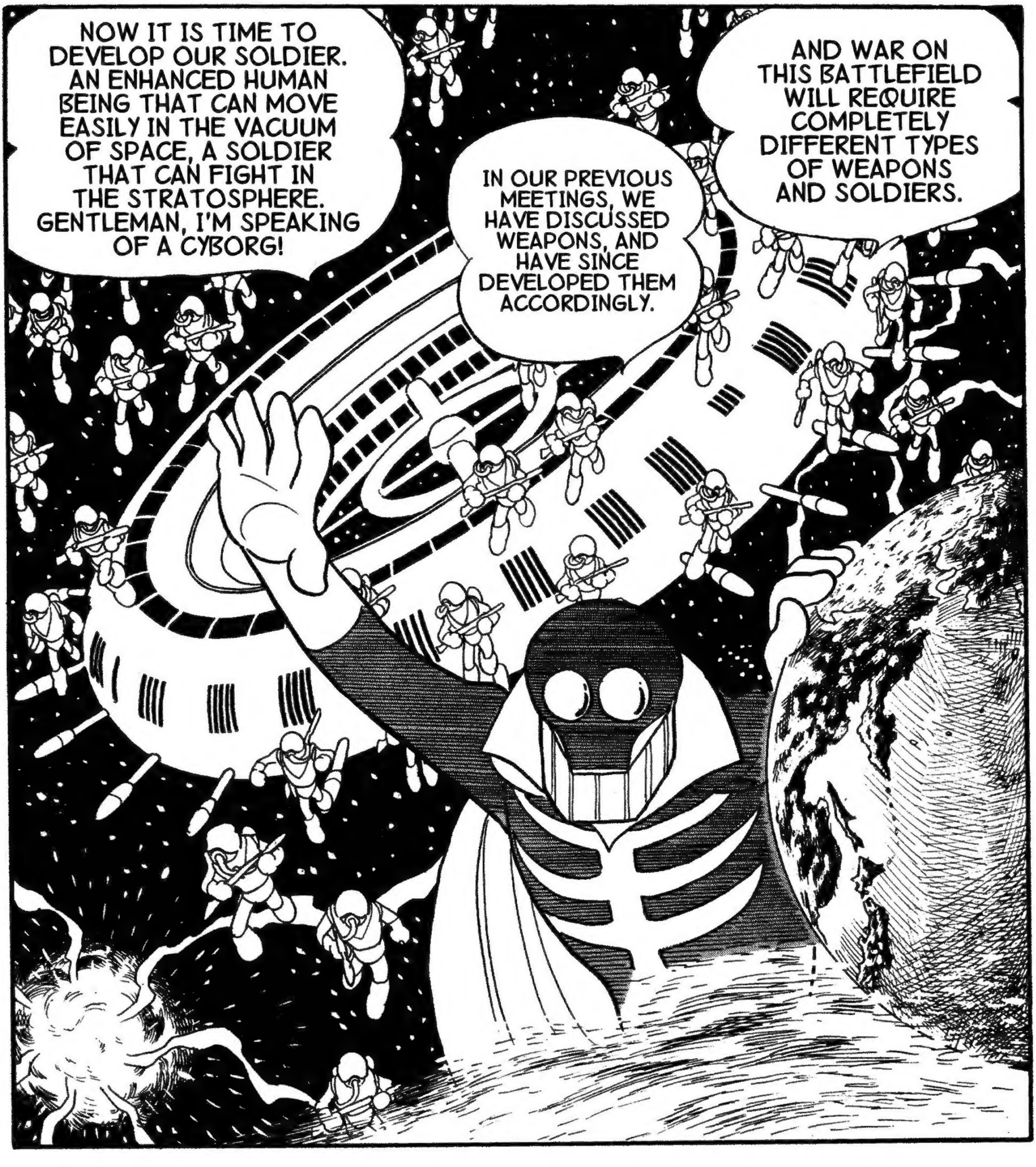
VOOM
SKREE
196?, Switzerland...
SWITZER LAND
SHONEN KING

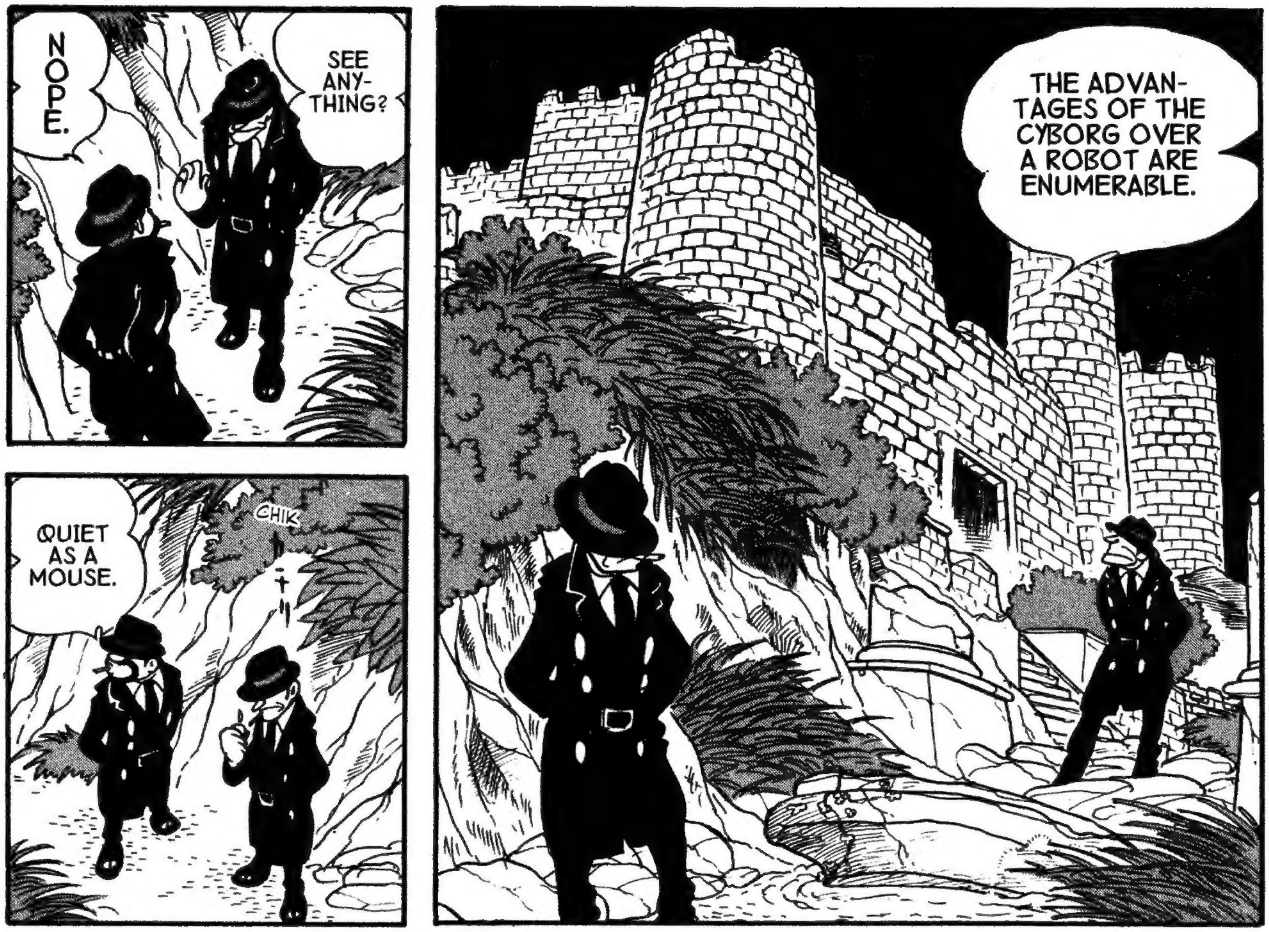
CHAPTER 1 MERCHANTS OF DEATH


SWISS AIR LINES
SCHWEIZERISCHER
B-5628
SO, THIS IS THE PLACE.
IT'S REALLY SECLUDED.
YES, THE OTHERS ARE ALREADY INSIDE. RIGHT THIS WAY, PLEASE.
KREE

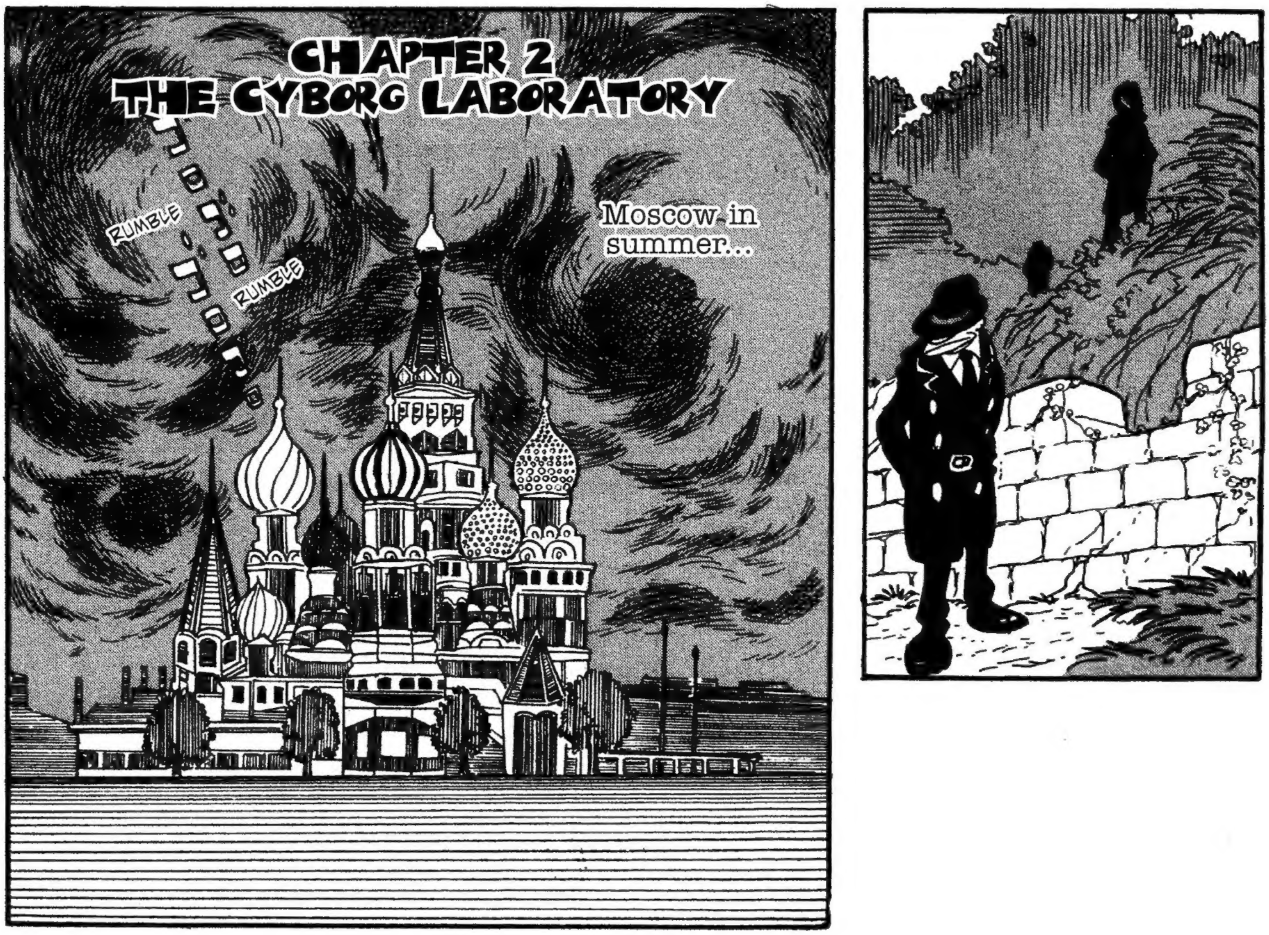

HA HA HA HA!
BYUUN
LET'S GET STARTED.
FZZT
EVERYONE'S HERE, BOSS.
WE ALREADY HAD TO DRIVE OUT TO THIS GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE.
WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY!
YEAH, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!
CUT THE CRAP AND GET TO THE POINT!
GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR--
ENOUGH! JUST TELL US YOUR PLAN. MY TIME IS PRECIOUS.
YEAH, WILL THE "FUTURISTIC WAR PLAN" CONTINUE AS DISCUSSED?
HA HA HA HA! THE PLAN IS INFALLIBLE. PLEASE, WATCH THE SCREEN.
HA HA HA HA! CALM DOWN, GENTLEMEN. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN SUMMONED HERE UNDER THE UTMOST SECRECY, AND I TRUST THAT IT WILL REMAIN TOP-SECRET.
OF COURSE IT WILL! WE'RE ALREADY CALLED DEATH MERCHANTS.
SOCIETY LOATHES US. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS PEOPLE TO FIND OUT...

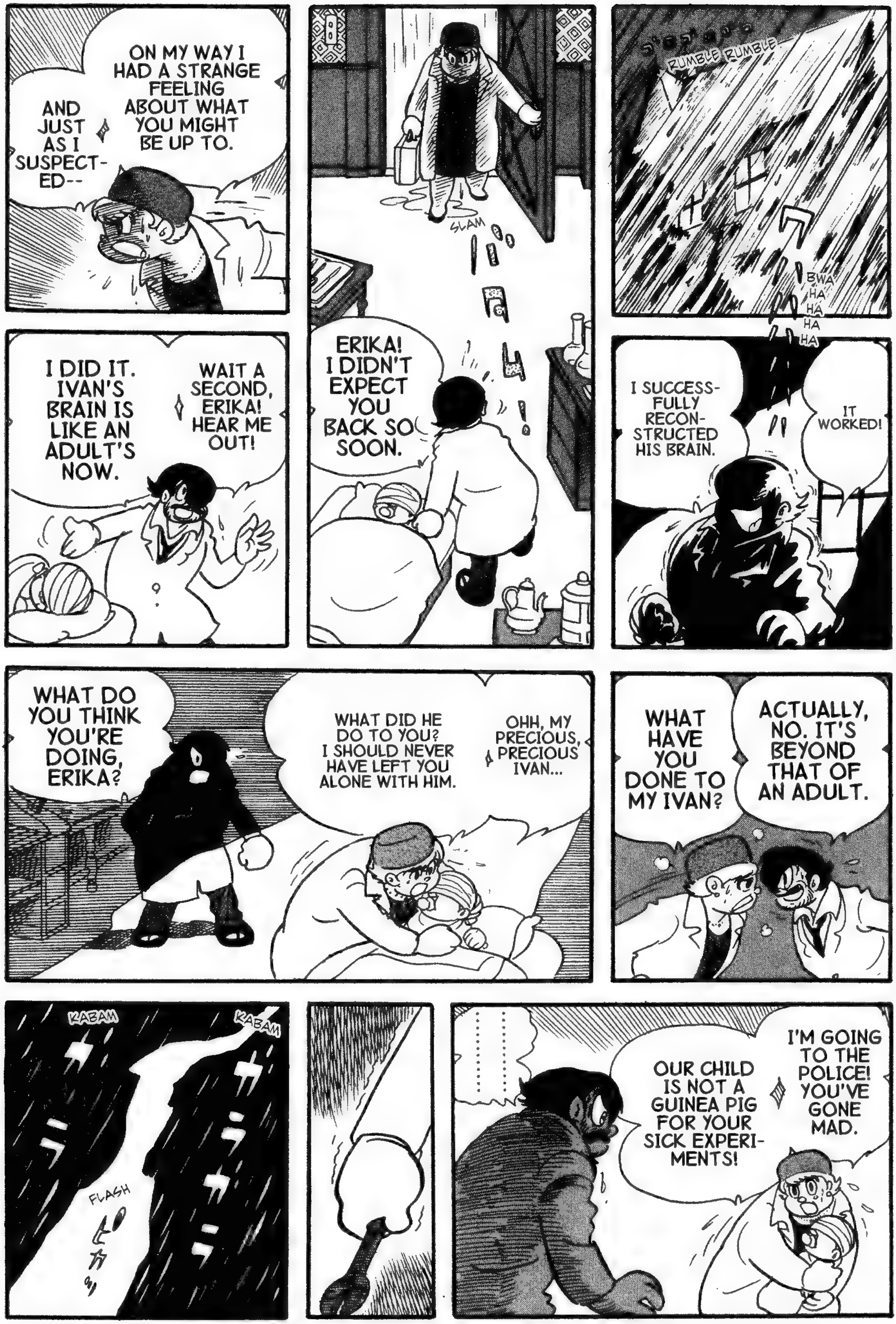
YOU GENTLEMEN HAVE REAPED THE EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL BENEFITS OF DEVELOPING WEAPONS WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS THE UTTER ANNIHILATION OF THE EARTH. YOUR ENTIRE FORTUNES DEPEND ON YOUR ABILITY TO CONCOCT NEW WAYS OF EXTERMINATING MANKIND, AND, LUCKILY ENOUGH, THE POWERS THAT BE HAVE BEEN BEHIND YOU SO FAR. HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE MORE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING STRONGER INTERNATIONAL BONDS IN THE HOPES THAT IT WILL PRECIPITATE PEACE. THESE PEOPLE ARE THE ABERRATIONS IN THE CULTURE OF WAR WE IN THIS ROOM WISH TO PROPAGATE. SO, WE MUST FUEL THE FIRES OF WAR NOW, GENTLEMEN! HUMAN NATURE IS ALREADY WELL-EQUIPPED WITH A FIGHTING INSTINCT. ALL WE NEED DO NOW IS SPUR THAT INSTINCT INTO ACTION. AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, I HAVE DEVISED MY "FUTURISTIC WAR PLAN"...WHERE **OUTER SPACE** WILL BECOME THE NEXT BATTLEFIELD.

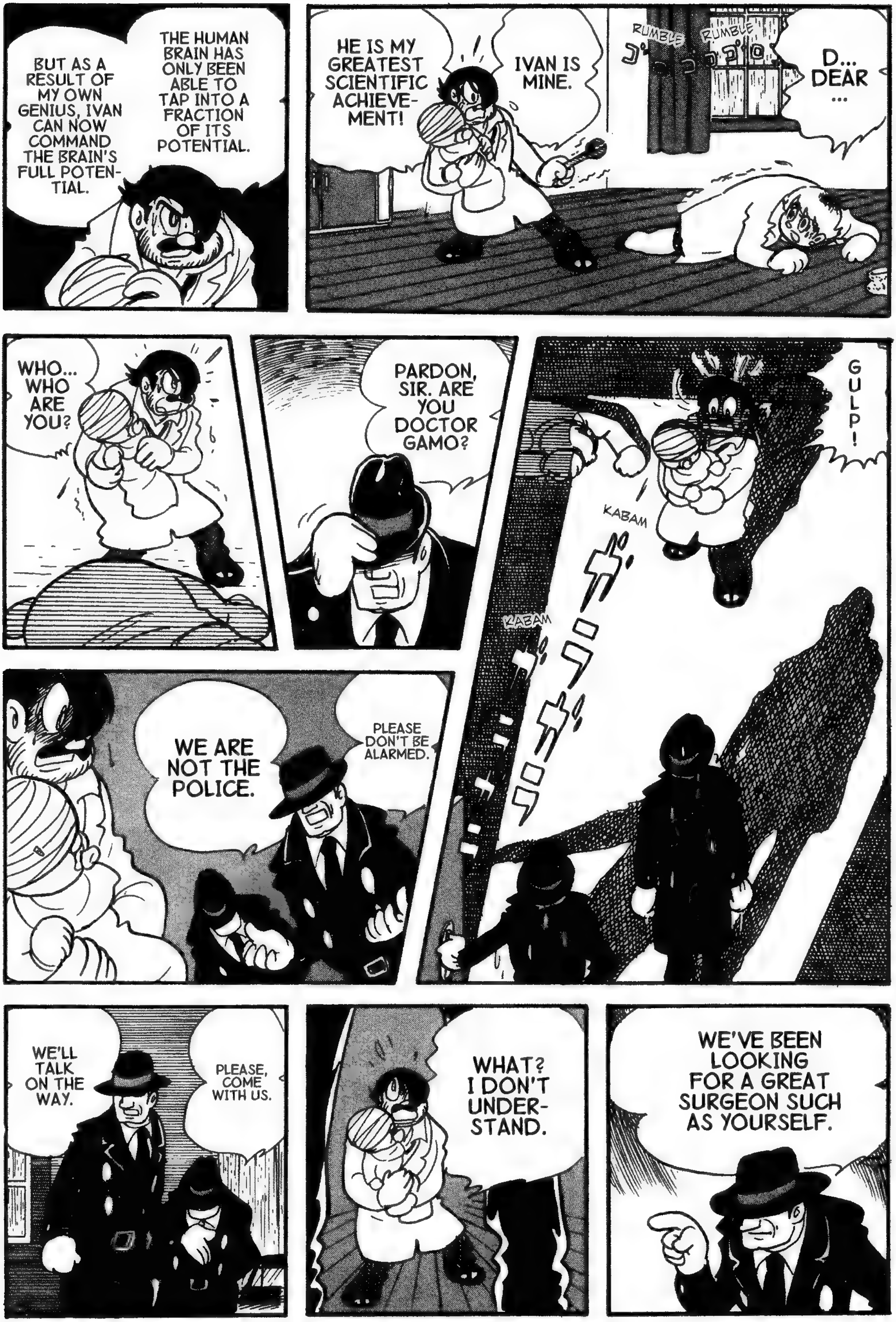

IN OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED WEAPONS, AND HAVE SINCE DEVELOPED THEM ACCORDINGLY.
AND WAR ON THIS BATTLEFIELD WILL REQUIRE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEAPONS AND SOLDIERS.
NOW IT IS TIME TO DEVELOP OUR SOLDIER. AN ENHANCED HUMAN BEING THAT CAN MOVE EASILY IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE, A SOLDIER THAT CAN FIGHT IN THE STRATOSPHERE. GENTLEMAN, I'M SPEAKING OF A CYBORG!

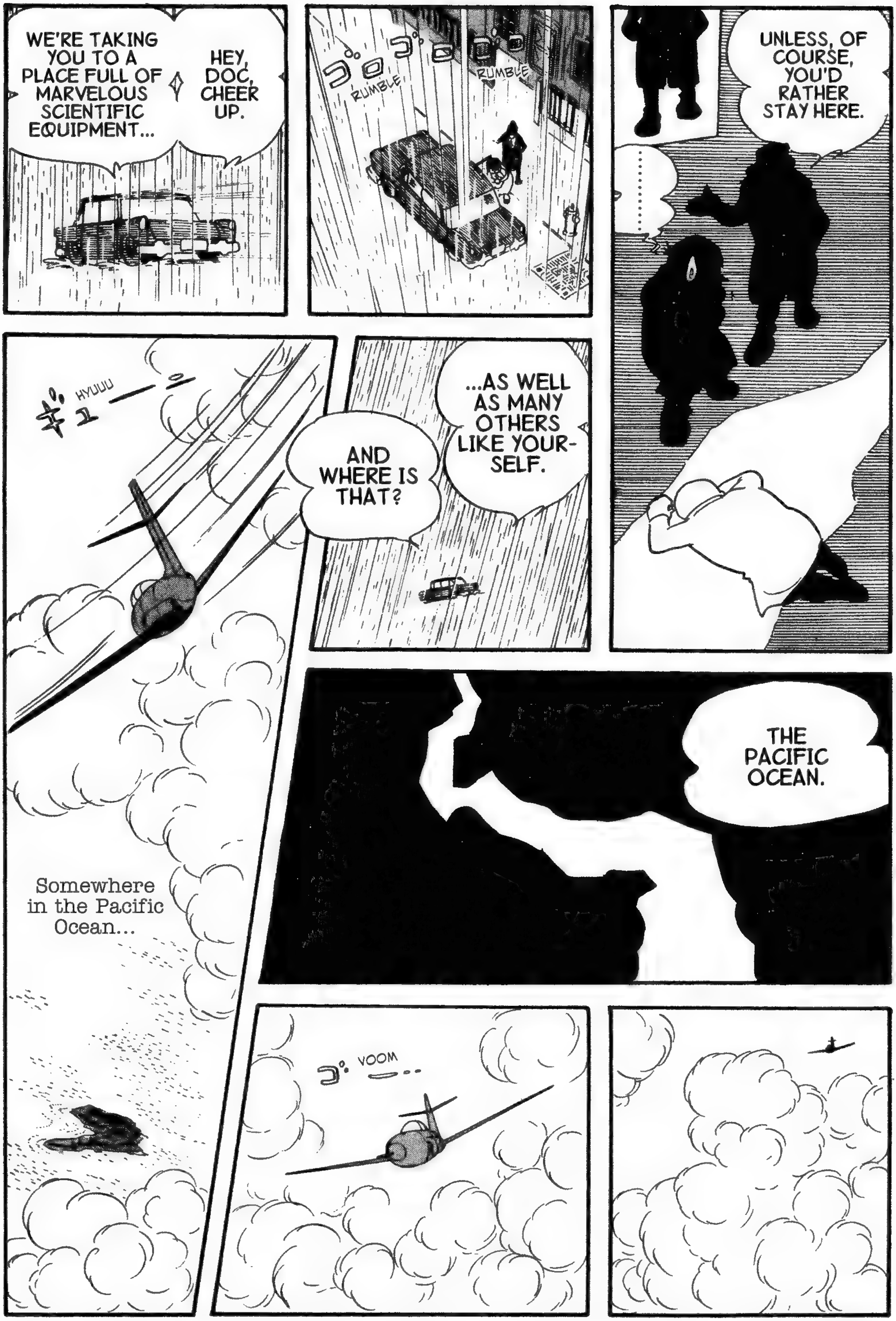

SEE ANYTHING?
NOPE.
QUIET AS A MOUSE.
CHIK
THE ADVANTAGES OF THE CYBORG OVER A ROBOT ARE ENUMERABLE.

CHAPTER 2
THE CYBORG LABORATORY


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Moscow in summer...


RUMBLE RUMBLE
BWA HA HA HA HA
IT WORKED!
I SUCCESSFULLY RECONSTRUCTED HIS BRAIN.
SLAM
ERIKA! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU BACK SO SOON.
ON MY WAY I HAD A STRANGE FEELING ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT BE UP TO.
AND JUST AS I SUSPECTED--
WAIT A SECOND, ERIKA! HEAR ME OUT!
I DID IT. IVAN'S BRAIN IS LIKE AN ADULT'S NOW.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, ERIKA?
OHH, MY PRECIOUS, PRECIOUS IVAN...
WHAT DID HE DO TO YOU? I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT YOU ALONE WITH HIM.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY IVAN?
ACTUALLY, NO. IT'S BEYOND THAT OF AN ADULT.
KABAM
KABAM
FLASH
OUR CHILD IS NOT A GUINEA PIG FOR YOUR SICK EXPERIMENTS!
I'M GOING TO THE POLICE! YOU'VE GONE MAD.


THE HUMAN BRAIN HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO TAP INTO A FRACTION OF ITS POTENTIAL.
BUT AS A RESULT OF MY OWN GENIUS, IVAN CAN NOW COMMAND THE BRAIN'S FULL POTENTIAL.
HE IS MY GREATEST SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT!
IVAN IS MINE.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ
D... DEAR ...
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
PARDON, SIR. ARE YOU DOCTOR GAMO?
GULP!
KABAM
KABAM
PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED.
WE ARE NOT THE POLICE.
PLEASE, COME WITH US.
WE'LL TALK ON THE WAY.
WHAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A GREAT SURGEON SUCH AS YOURSELF.


WE'RE TAKING YOU TO A PLACE FULL OF MARVELOUS SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT...
HEY, DOC, CHEER UP.
ゴロゴロゴロ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU'D RATHER STAY HERE.
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HYUUU
AND WHERE IS THAT?
...AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS LIKE YOURSELF.
THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
Somewhere in the Pacific Ocean...
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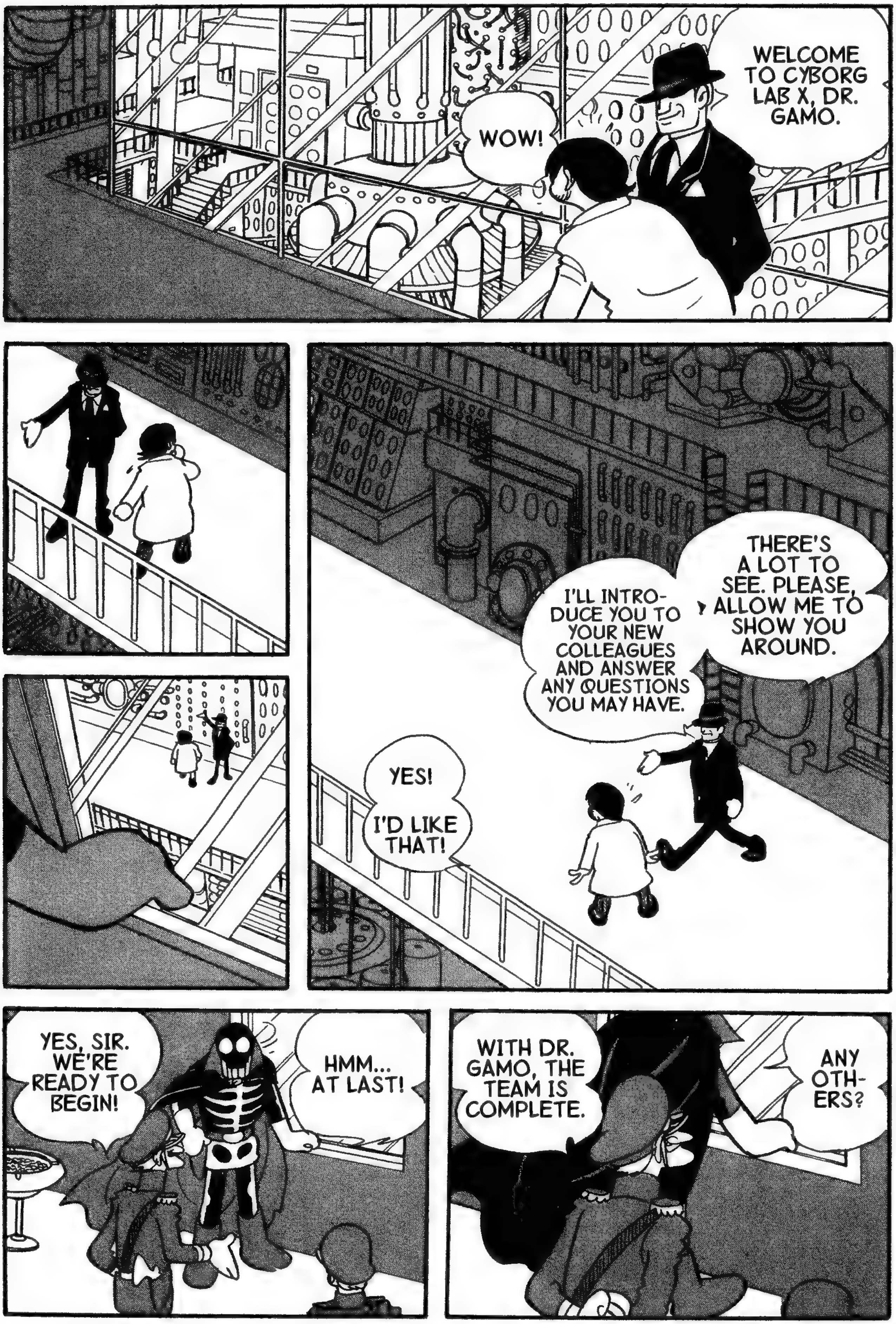
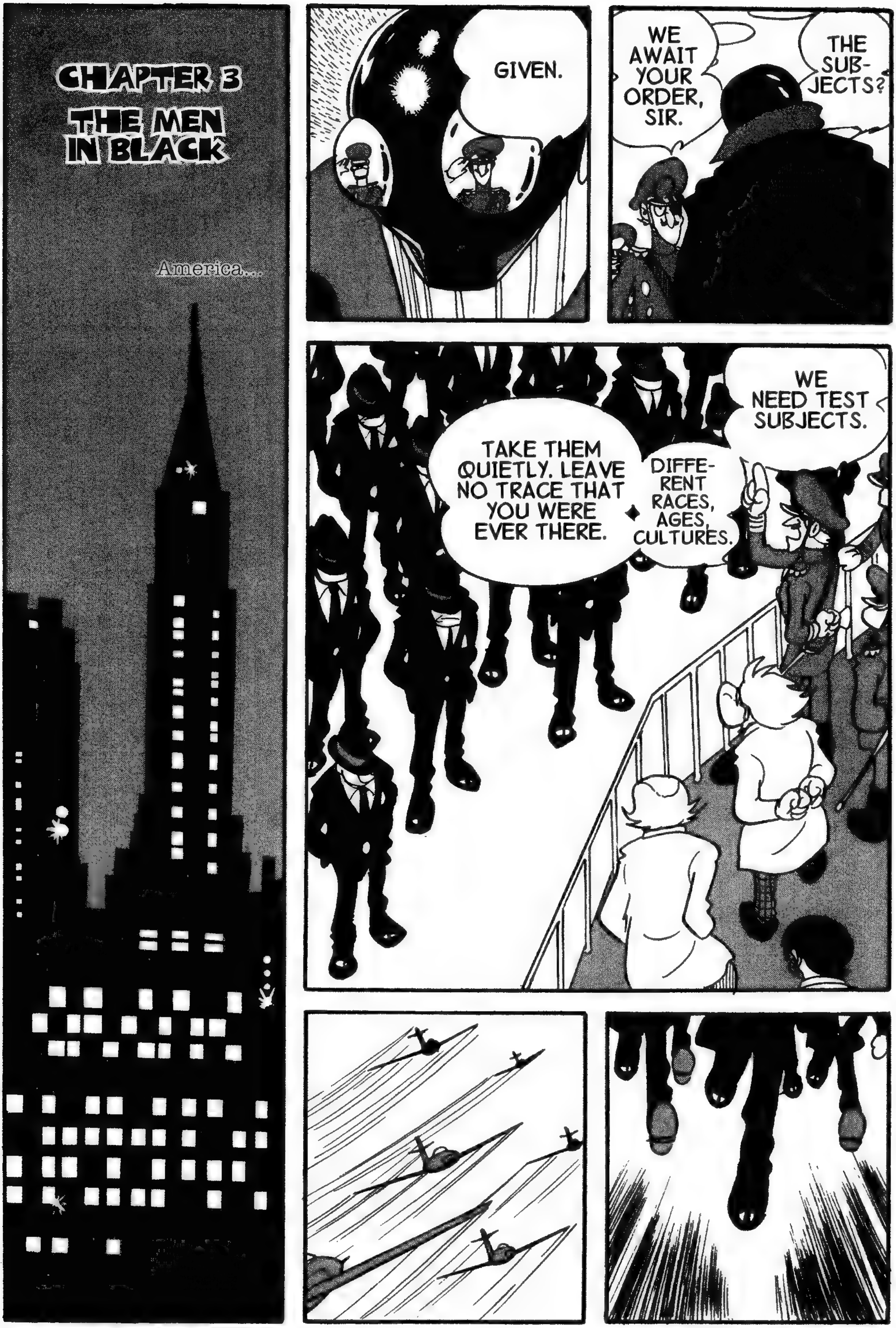
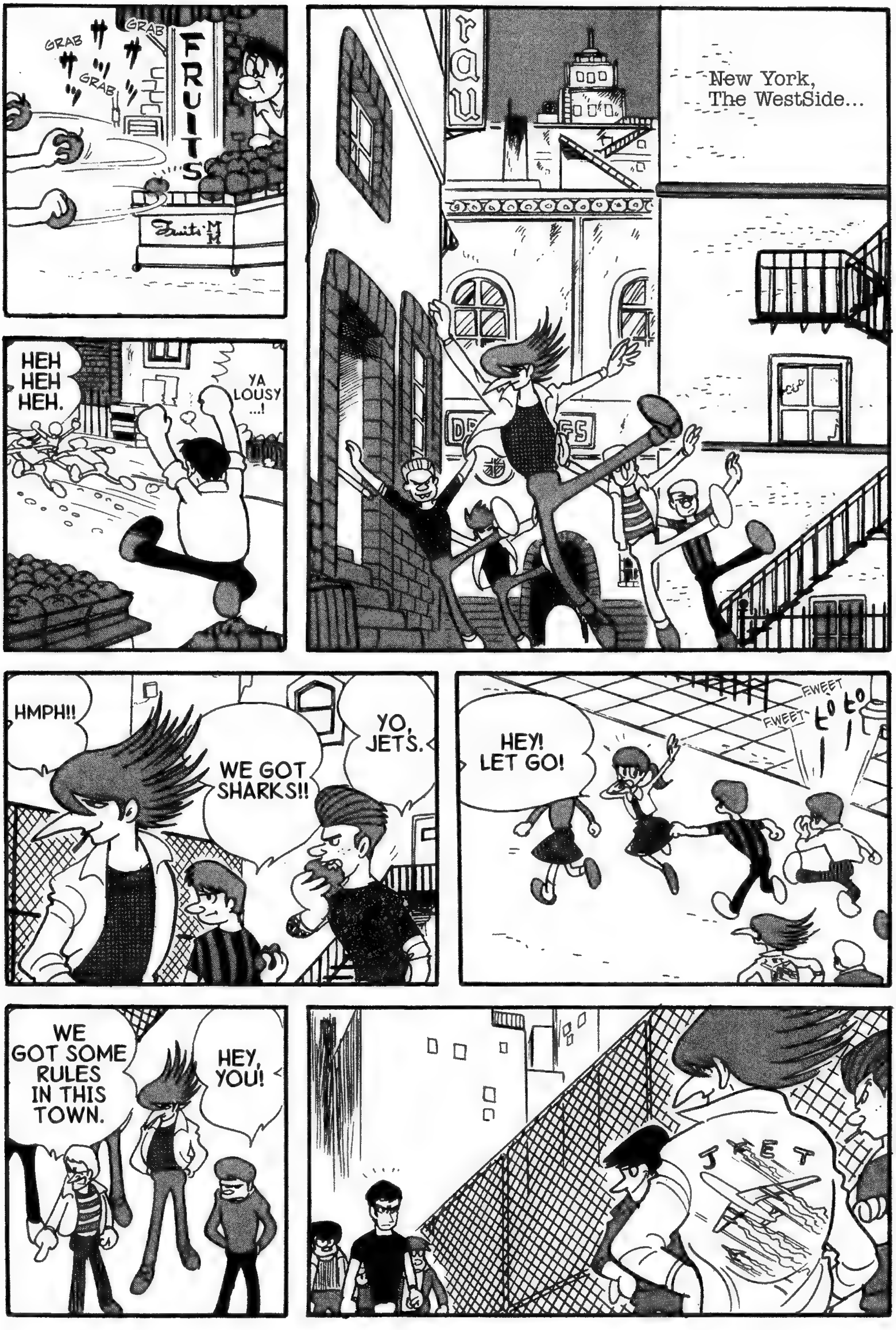
VOOM

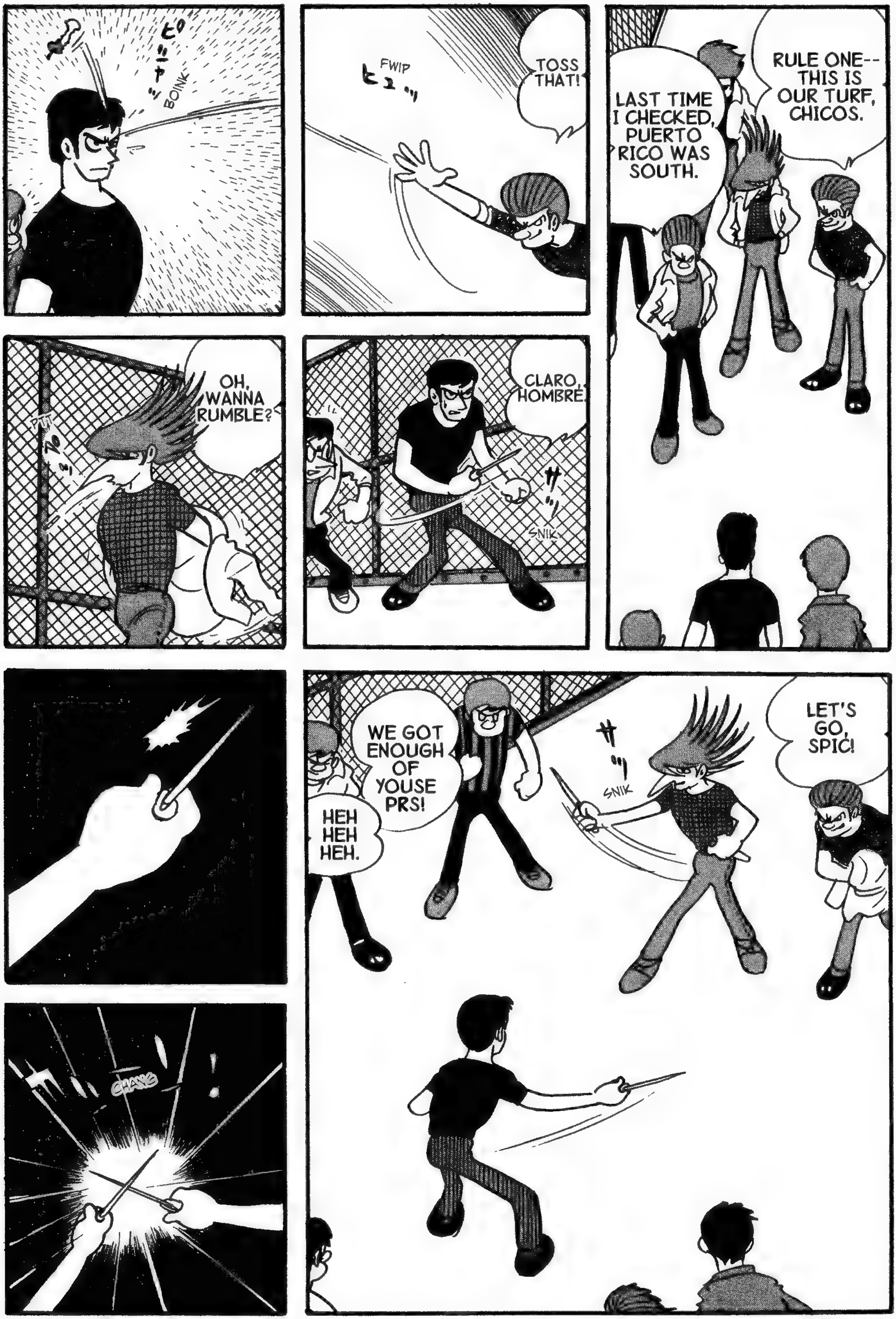

WELCOME TO CYBORG LAB X, DR. GAMO.
WOW!
THERE'S A LOT TO SEE. PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU AROUND.
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR NEW COLLEAGUES AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
YES!
I'D LIKE THAT!
ANY OTHERS?
WITH DR. GAMO, THE TEAM IS COMPLETE.
HMM... AT LAST!
YES, SIR. WE'RE READY TO BEGIN!

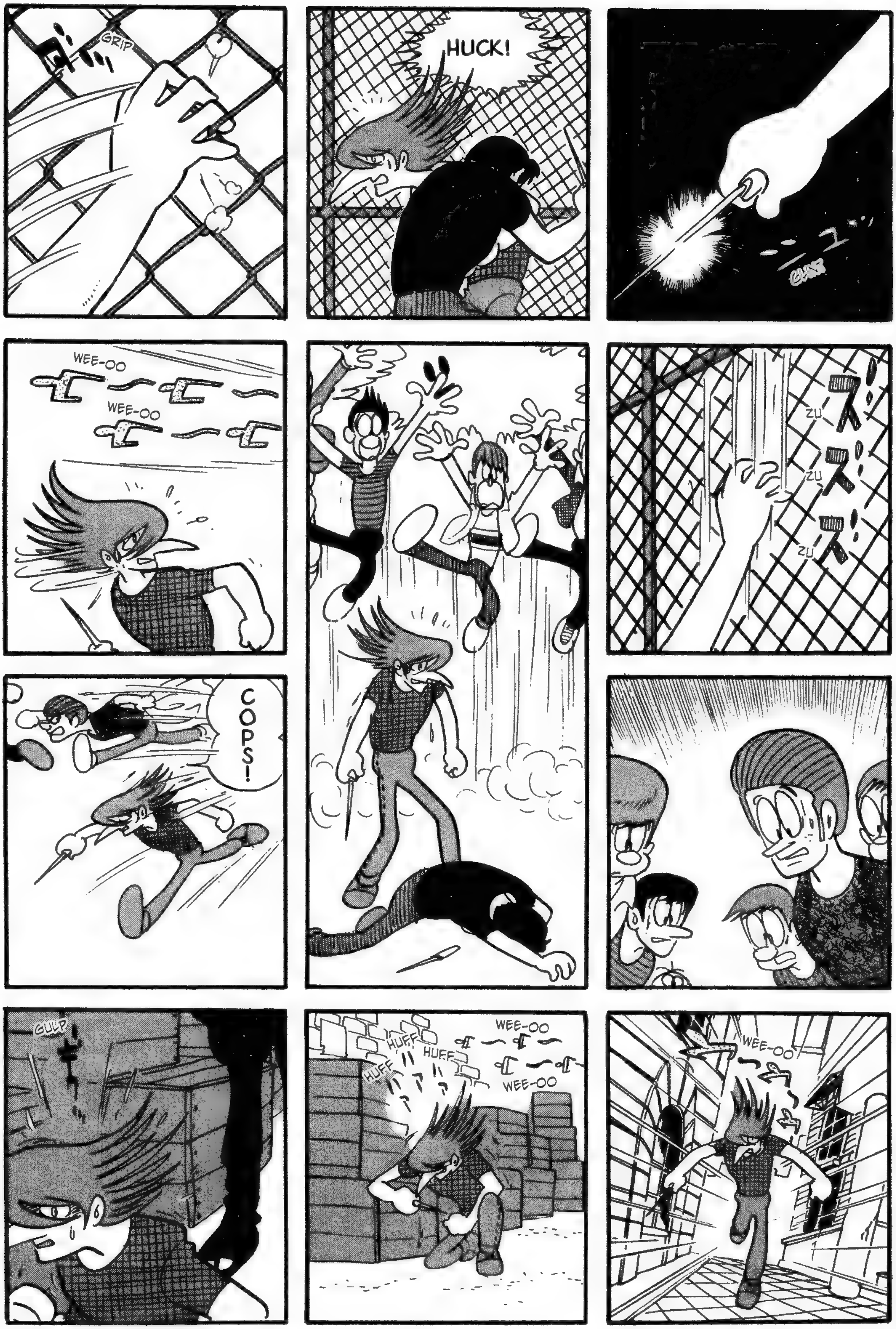
CHAPTER 3

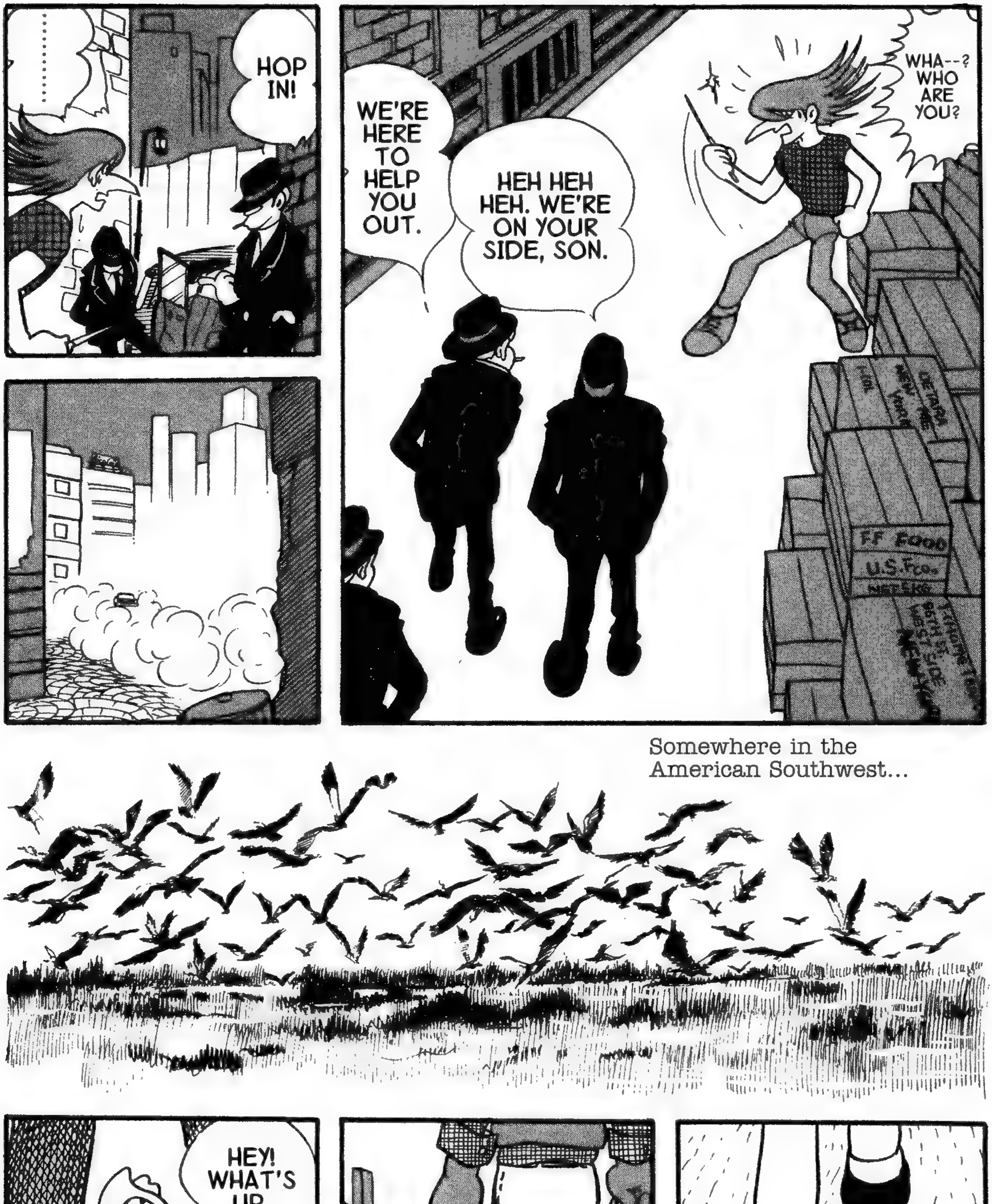
THE MEN IN BLACK

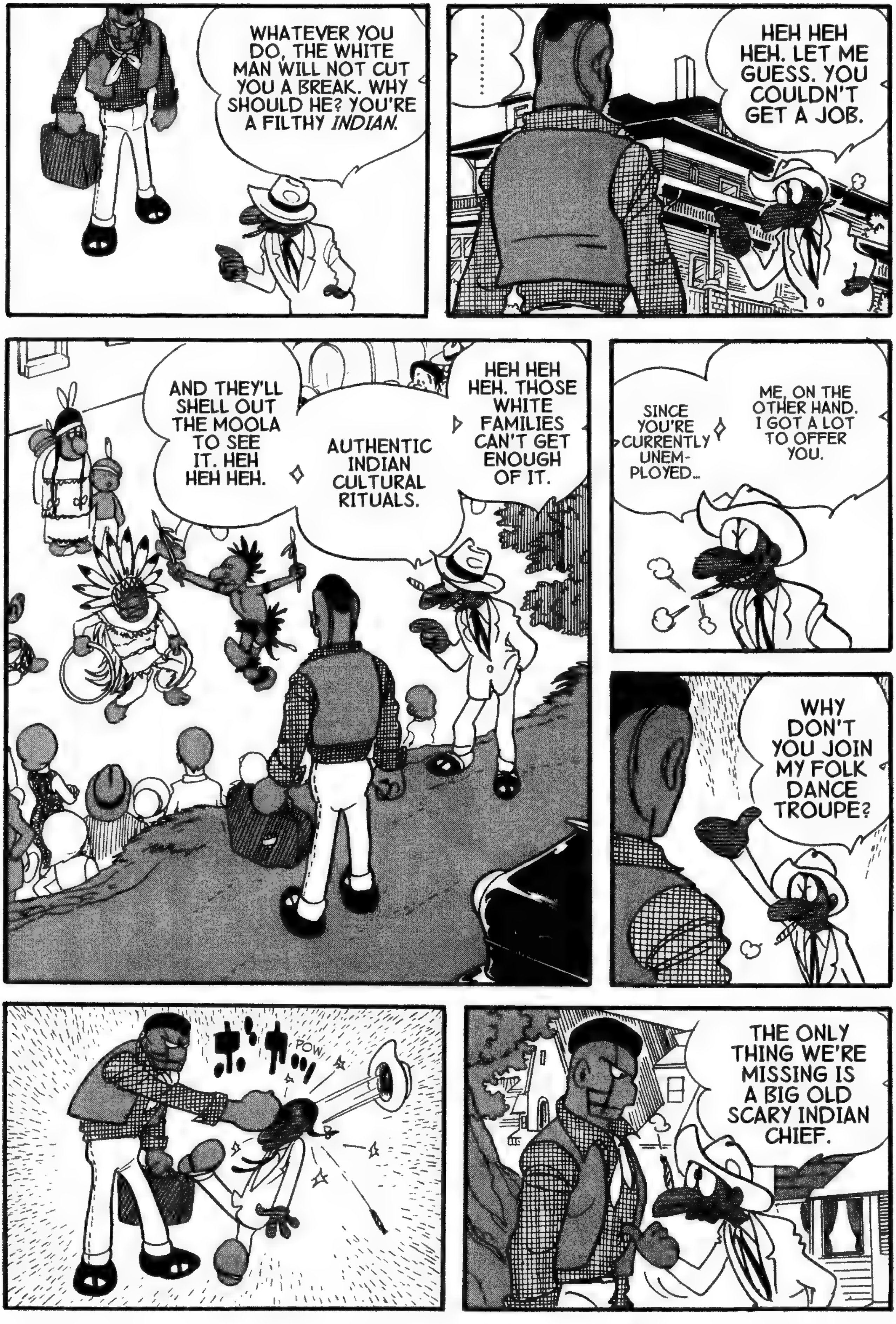

America...
GIVEN.
WE AWAIT YOUR ORDER, SIR.
THE SUBJECTS?
WE NEED TEST SUBJECTS.
DIFFERENT RACES, AGES, CULTURES.
TAKE THEM QUIETLY. LEAVE NO TRACE THAT YOU WERE EVER THERE.

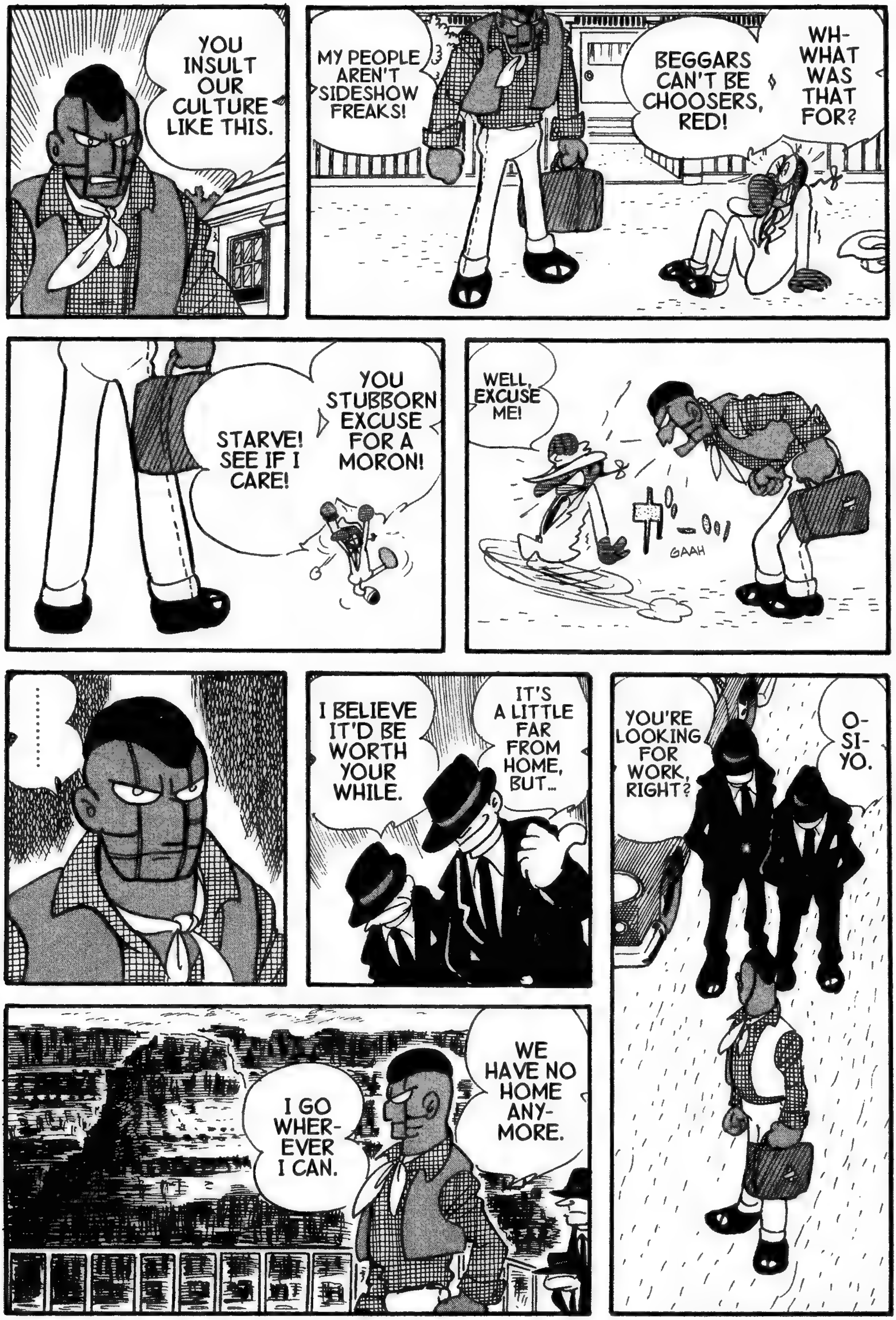
rau
New York, The WestSide...
FRUITS
GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
YA LOUSY ...!
HEH HEH HEH.
FWEET
FWEET
HEY! LET GO!
YO, JETS.
WE GOT SHARKS!!
HMPH!!
JET
HEY, YOU!
WE GOT SOME RULES IN THIS TOWN.

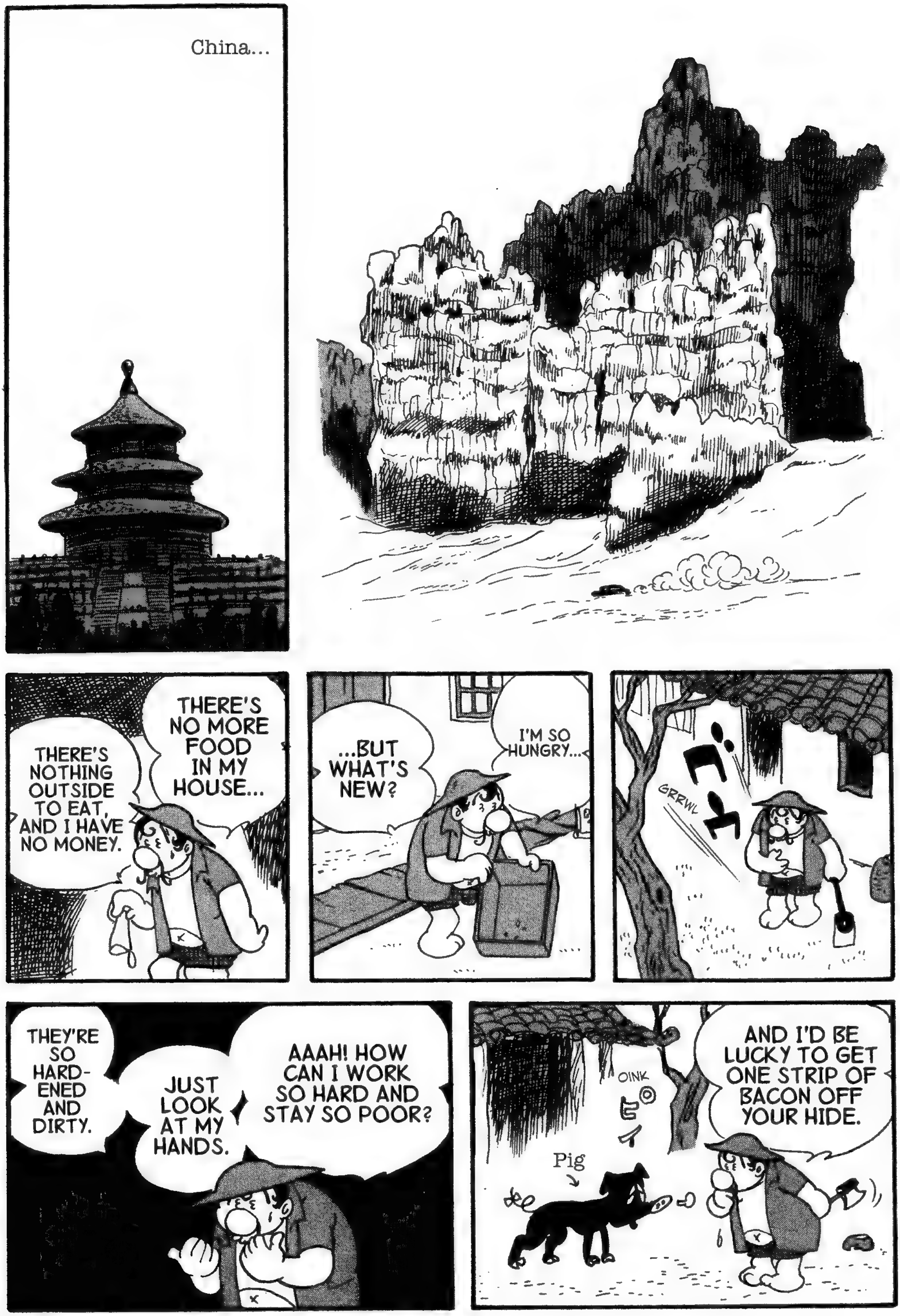

BOINK
FWIP
TOSS THAT!
RULE ONE-- THIS IS OUR TURF, CHICOS.
LAST TIME I CHECKED, PUERTO RICO WAS SOUTH.
PUT
OH, WANNA RUMBLE?
CLARO, HOMBRE!
SNIK
CHANG
LET'S GO, SPIC!
SNIK
WE GOT ENOUGH OF YOUSE PRS!
HEH HEH HEH.

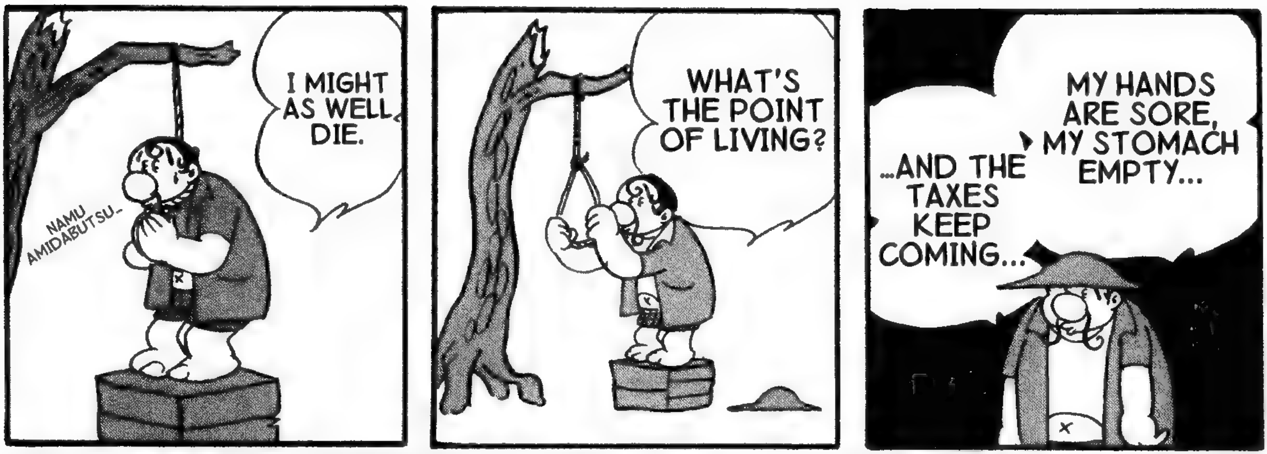

GRIP
HUCK!
CHAT
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
ZU
ZU
ZU
COPS!
GULP
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO


HOP IN!
WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU OUT.
HEH HEH HEH. WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE, SON.
WHA--? WHO ARE YOU?
F.F FOOD
U.S.F.Co.
Somewhere in the American Southwest...
HEY! WHAT'S UP, GERONIMO?

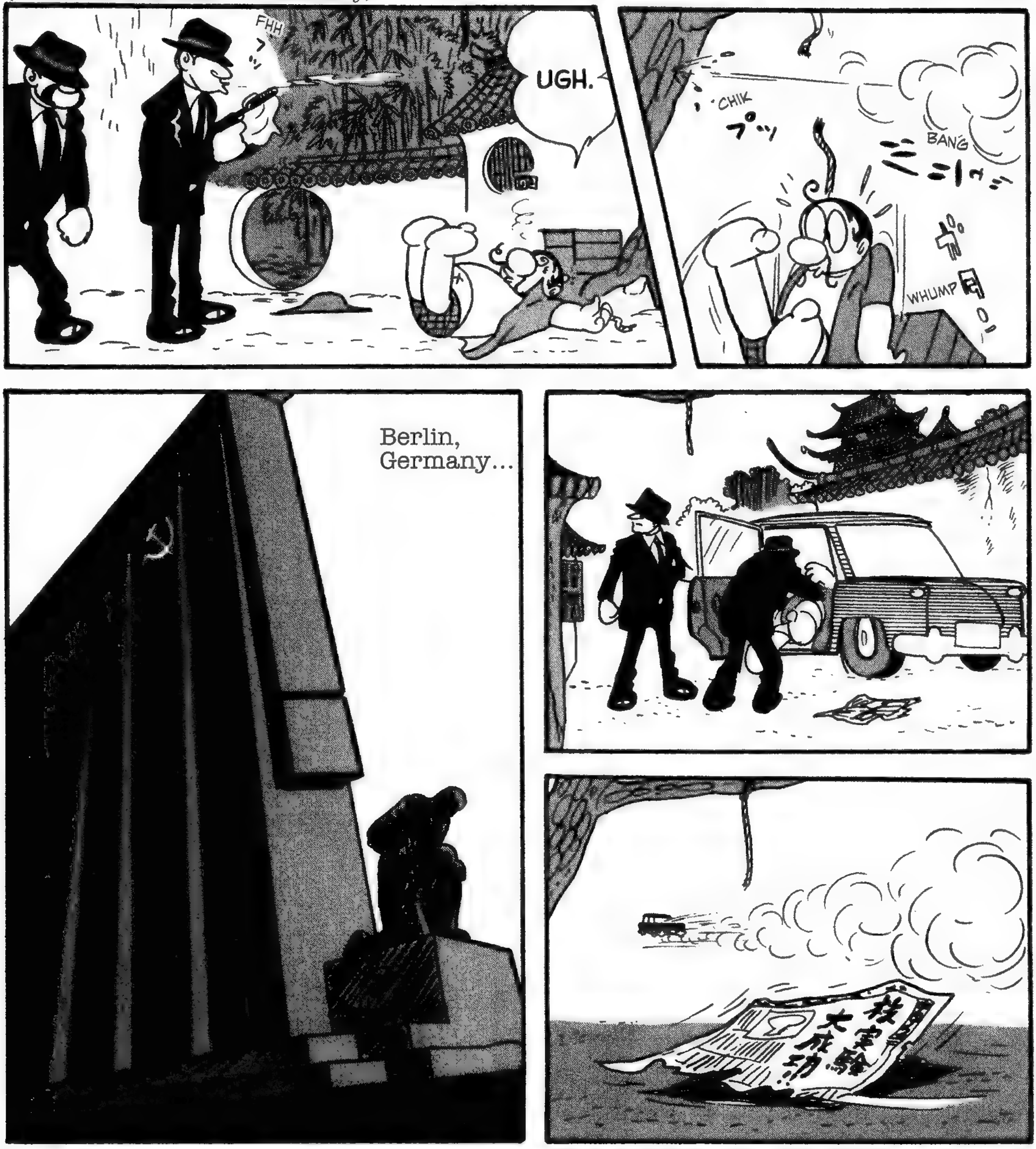

WHATEVER YOU DO, THE WHITE MAN WILL NOT CUT YOU A BREAK. WHY SHOULD HE? YOU'RE A FILTHY *INDIAN.*
....
HEH HEH HEH. LET ME GUESS. YOU COULDN'T GET A JOB.
HEH HEH HEH. THOSE WHITE FAMILIES CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF IT.
AUTHENTIC INDIAN CULTURAL RITUALS.
AND THEY'LL SHELL OUT THE MOOLA TO SEE IT. HEH HEH HEH.
SINCE YOU'RE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED...
ME, ON THE OTHER HAND. I GOT A LOT TO OFFER YOU.
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN MY FOLK DANCE TROUPE?
POW
THE ONLY THING WE'RE MISSING IS A BIG OLD SCARY INDIAN CHIEF.


YOU INSULT OUR CULTURE LIKE THIS.
MY PEOPLE AREN'T SIDESHOW FREAKS!
BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS, RED!
WH- WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
STARVE! SEE IF I CARE!
YOU STUBBORN EXCUSE FOR A MORON!
WELL, EXCUSE ME!
GAAH
……
I BELIEVE IT'D BE WORTH YOUR WHILE.
IT'S A LITTLE FAR FROM HOME, BUT...
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK, RIGHT?
O-SI-YO.
I GO WHEREVER I CAN.
WE HAVE NO HOME ANYMORE.

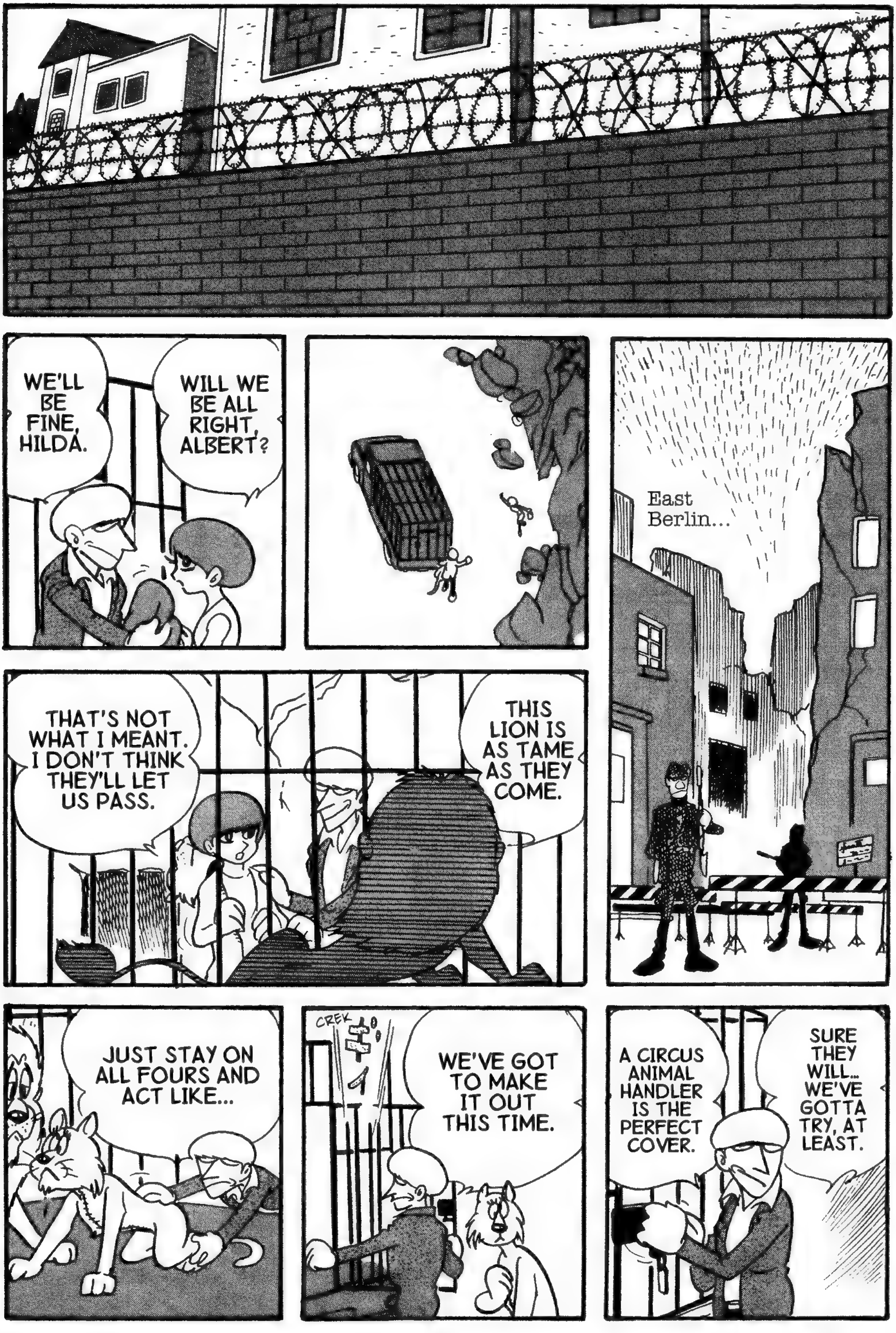

China...
GRRWL
I'M SO HUNGRY...
...BUT WHAT'S NEW?
THERE'S NO MORE FOOD IN MY HOUSE...
THERE'S NOTHING OUTSIDE TO EAT, AND I HAVE NO MONEY.
OINK
Pig
AND I'D BE LUCKY TO GET ONE STRIP OF BACON OFF YOUR HIDE.
AAAH! HOW CAN I WORK SO HARD AND STAY SO POOR?
JUST LOOK AT MY HANDS.
THEY'RE SO HARDENED AND DIRTY.

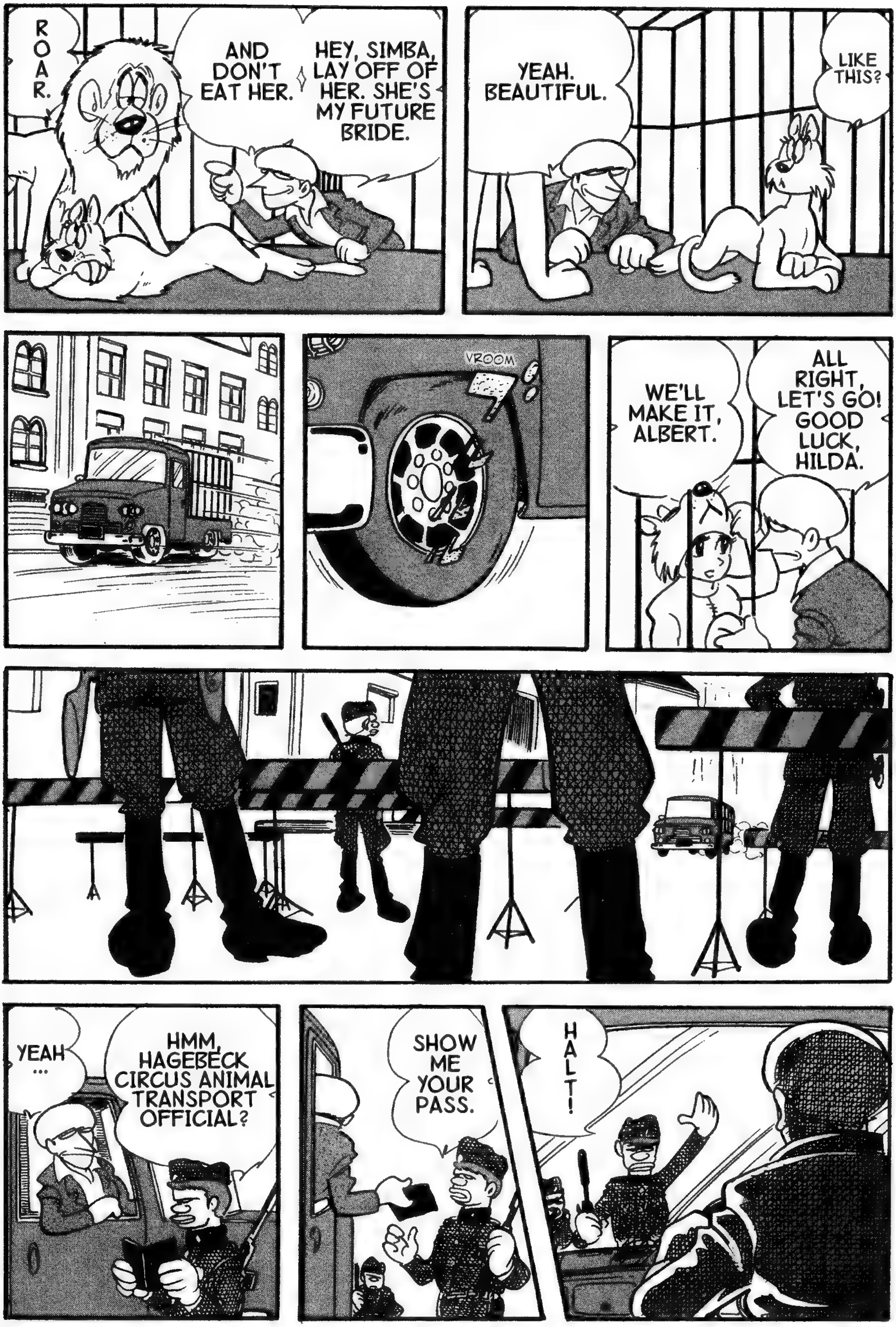

NAMU AMIDABUTSU...
I MIGHT AS WELL DIE.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF LIVING?
MY HANDS ARE SORE, MY STOMACH EMPTY...
...AND THE TAXES KEEP COMING...

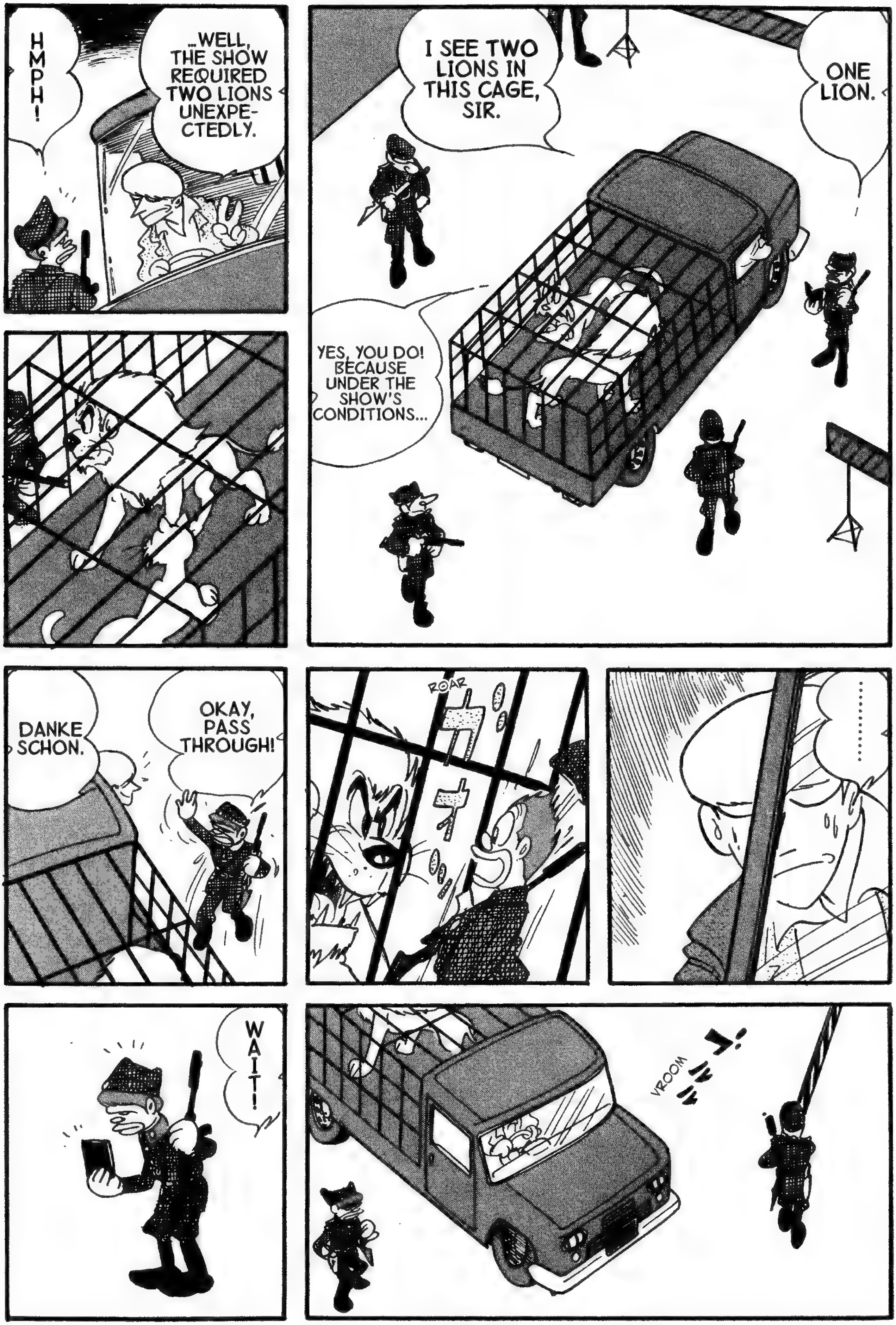
(*Buddhist sutra similar to a Hail Mary)

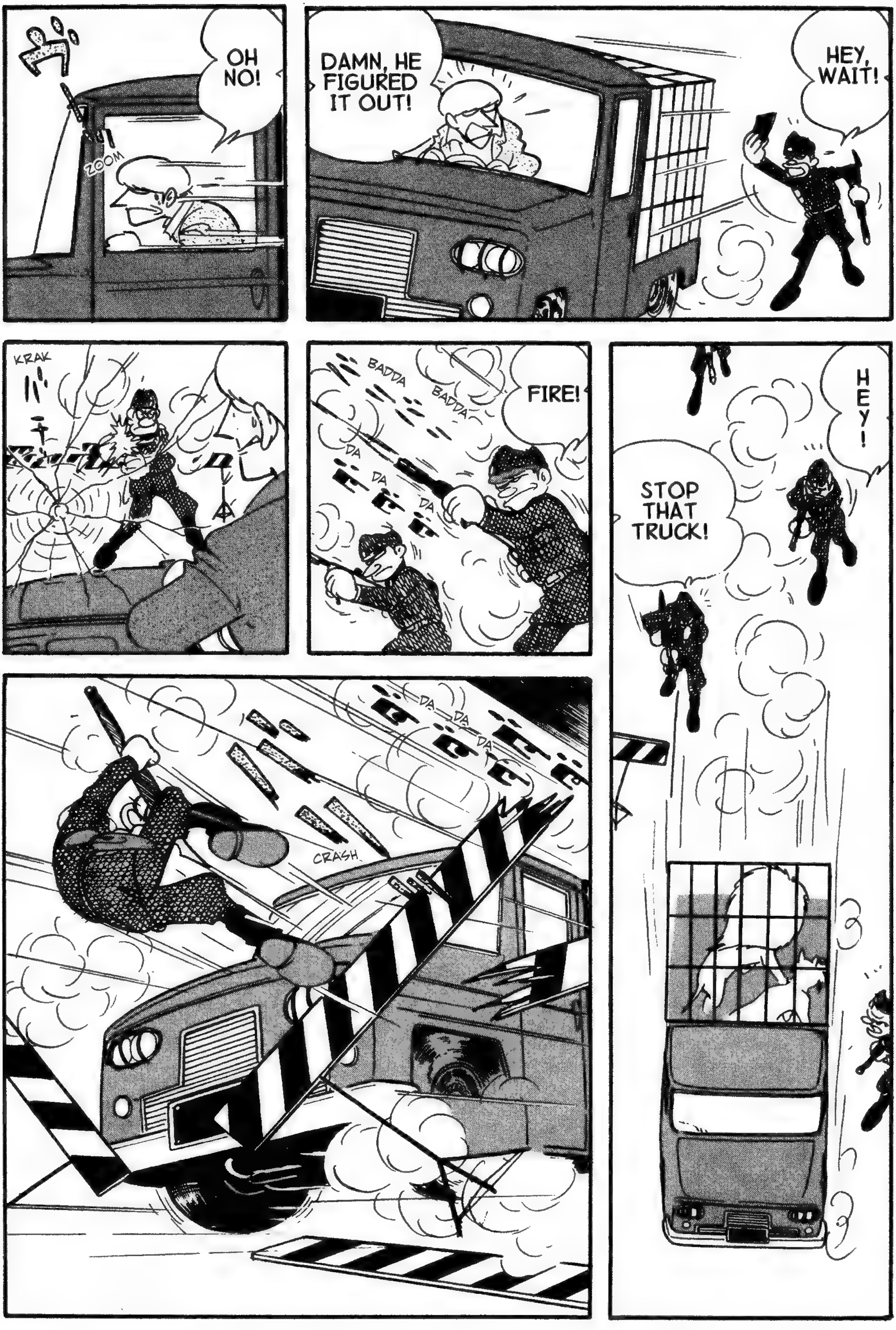

FHH
UGH.
CHIK
プッ
BANG
WHUMP
Berlin, Germany...
核実験大成功!!

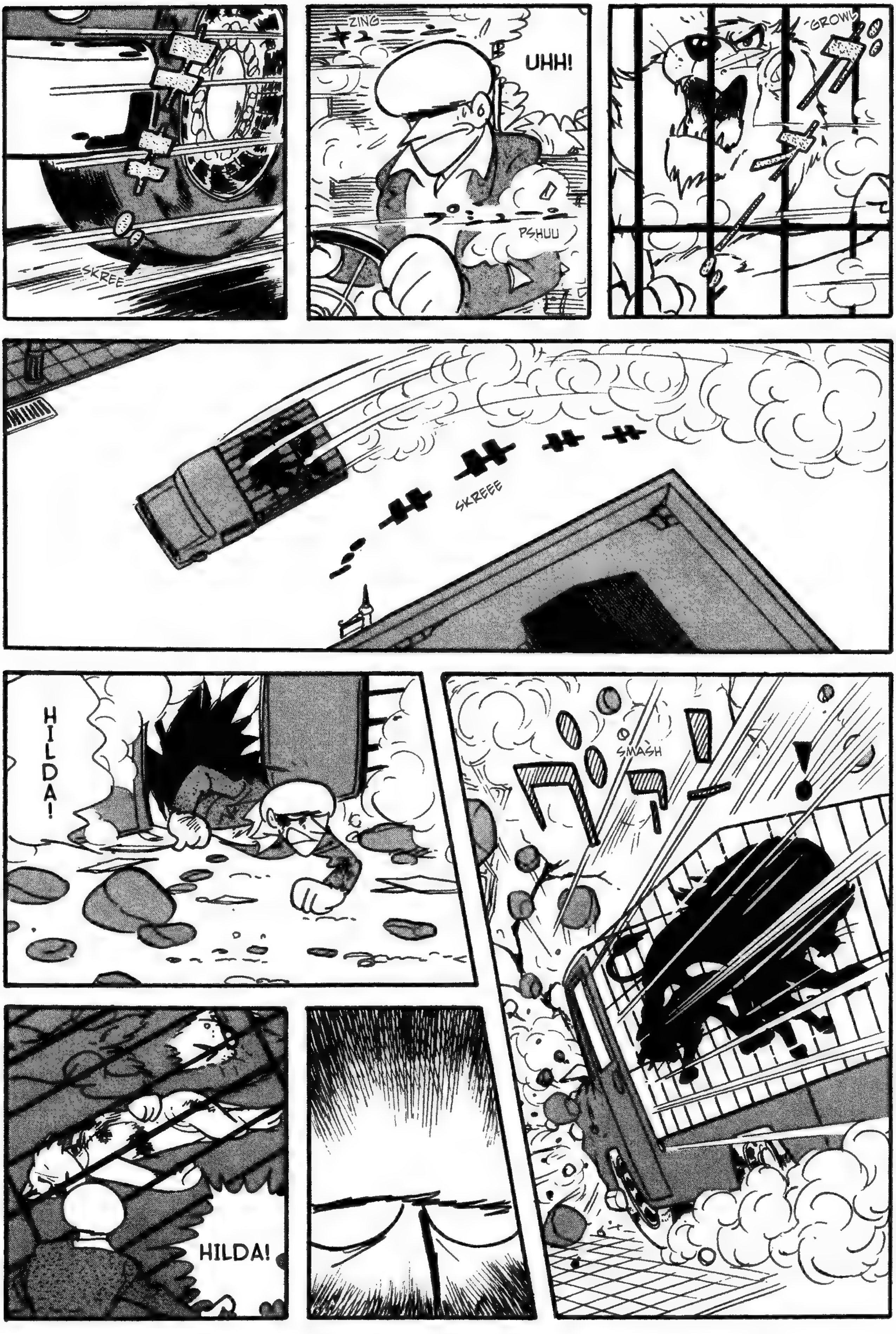
Newspaper: Nuclear Bomb Test Big Success!!

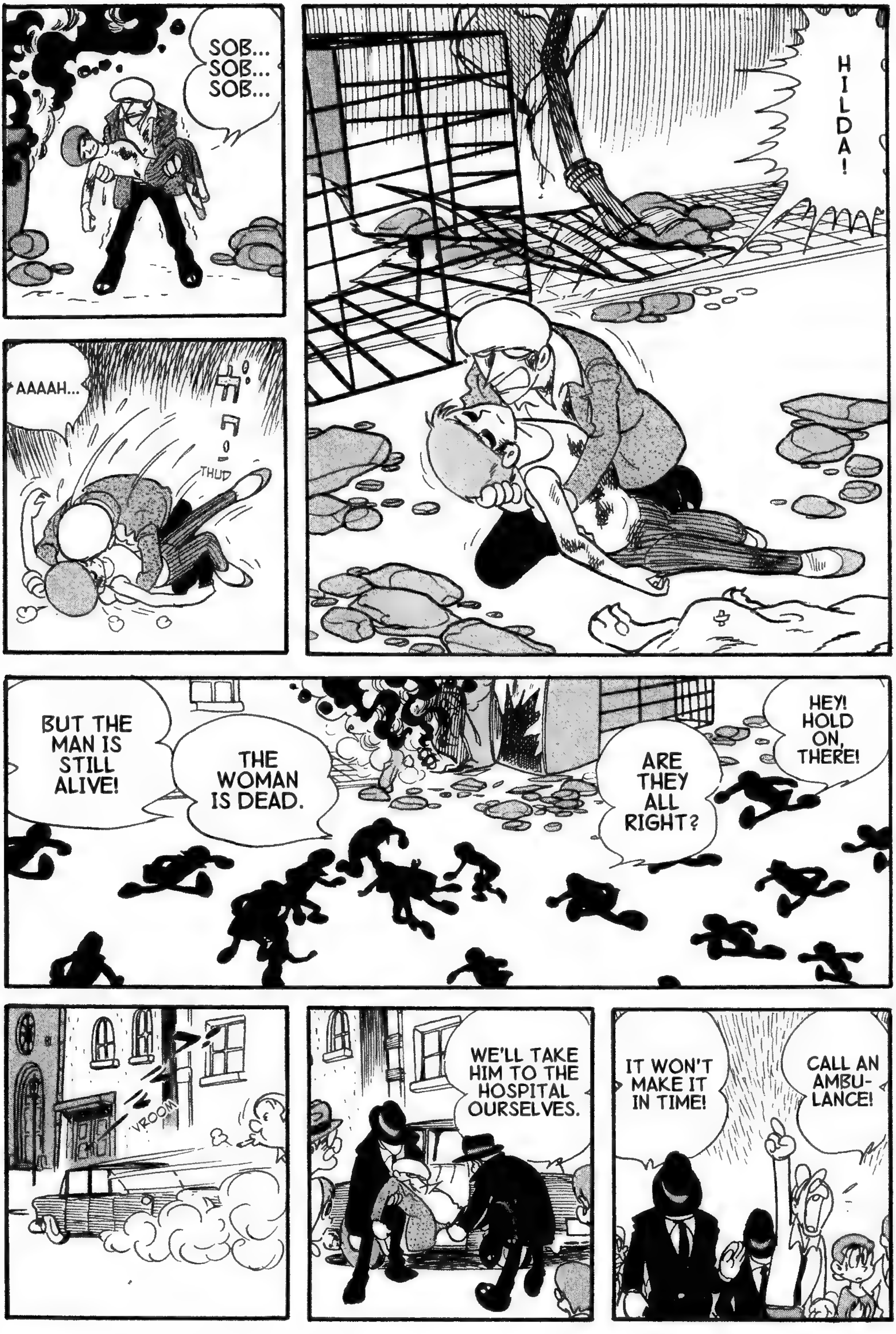

WE'LL BE FINE, HILDA.
WILL WE BE ALL RIGHT, ALBERT?
East Berlin...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. I DON'T THINK THEY'LL LET US PASS.
THIS LION IS AS TAME AS THEY COME.
JUST STAY ON ALL FOURS AND ACT LIKE...
CREK
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT OUT THIS TIME.
A CIRCUS ANIMAL HANDLER IS THE PERFECT COVER.
SURE THEY WILL... WE'VE GOTTA TRY, AT LEAST.

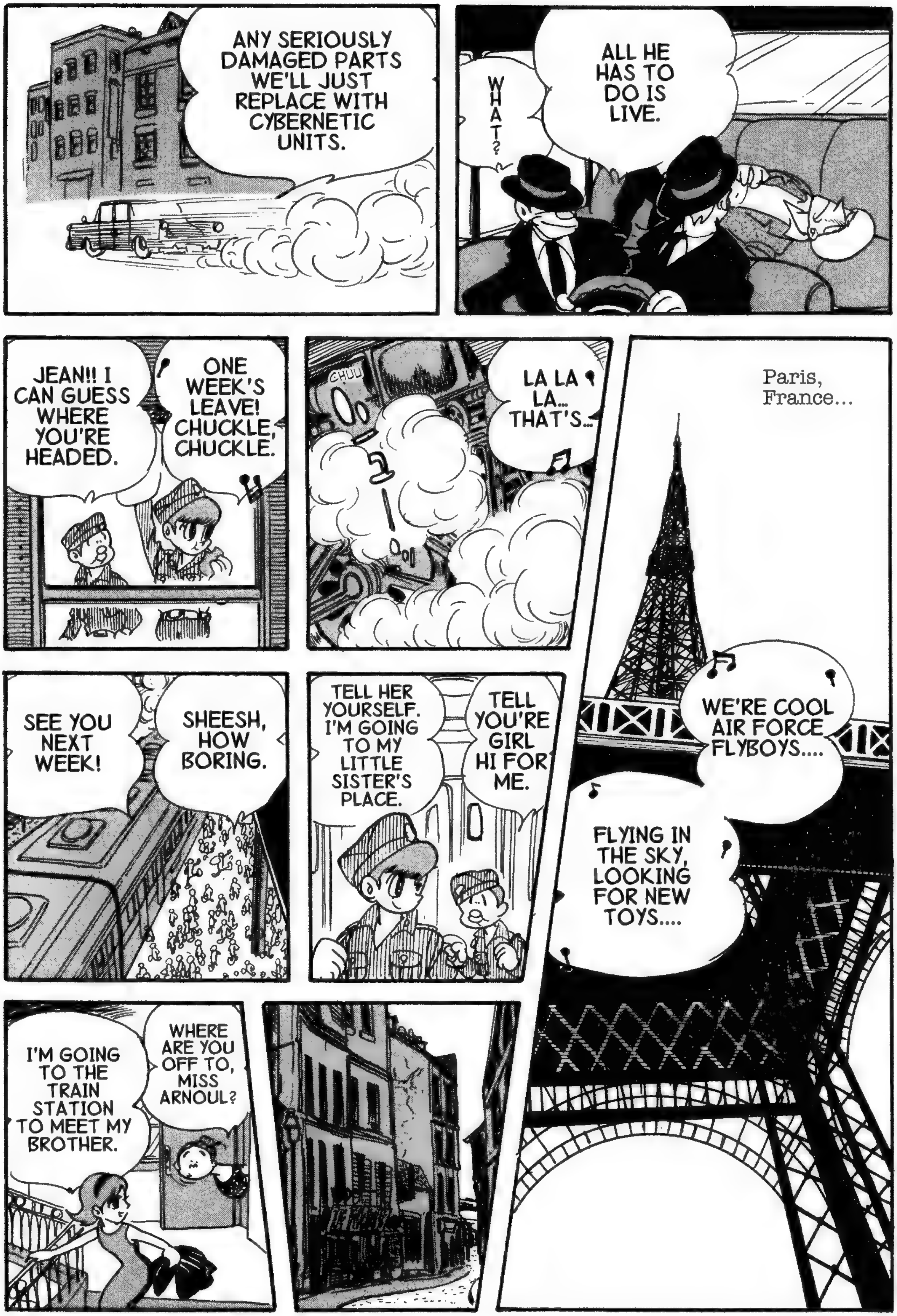

LIKE THIS?
YEAH. BEAUTIFUL.
HEY, SIMBA, LAY OFF OF HER. SHE'S MY FUTURE BRIDE.
AND DON'T EAT HER.
ROAR.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO! GOOD LUCK, HILDA.
WE'LL MAKE IT, ALBERT.
VROOM
HALT!
SHOW ME YOUR PASS.
HMM, HAGEBECK CIRCUS ANIMAL TRANSPORT OFFICIAL?
YEAH ...

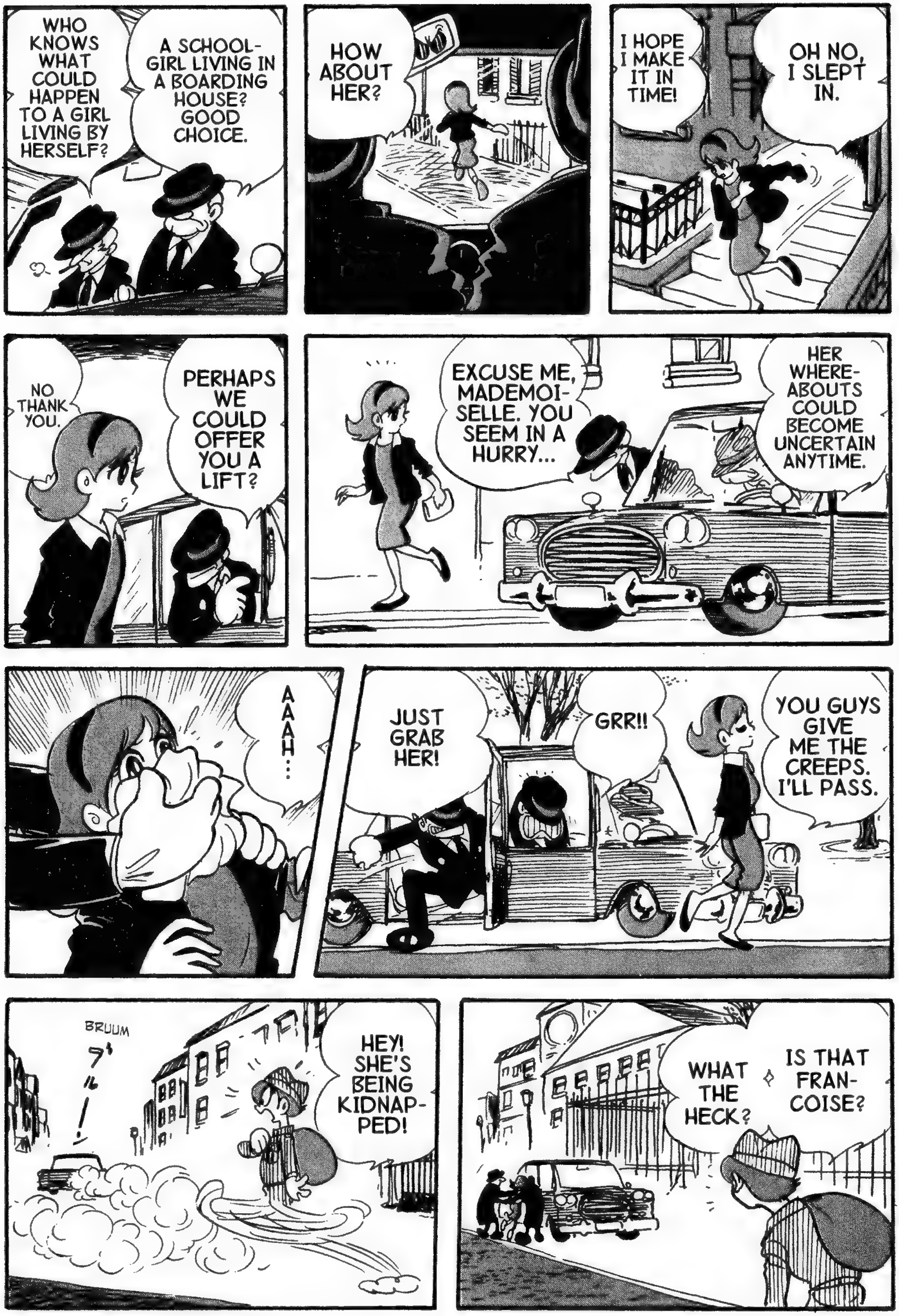

HMPH!
...WELL, THE SHOW REQUIRED TWO LIONS UNEXPECTEDLY.
I SEE TWO LIONS IN THIS CAGE, SIR.
ONE LION.
YES, YOU DO! BECAUSE UNDER THE SHOW'S CONDITIONS...
DANKE SCHON.
OKAY, PASS THROUGH!
ROAR
......
WAIT!
VROOM

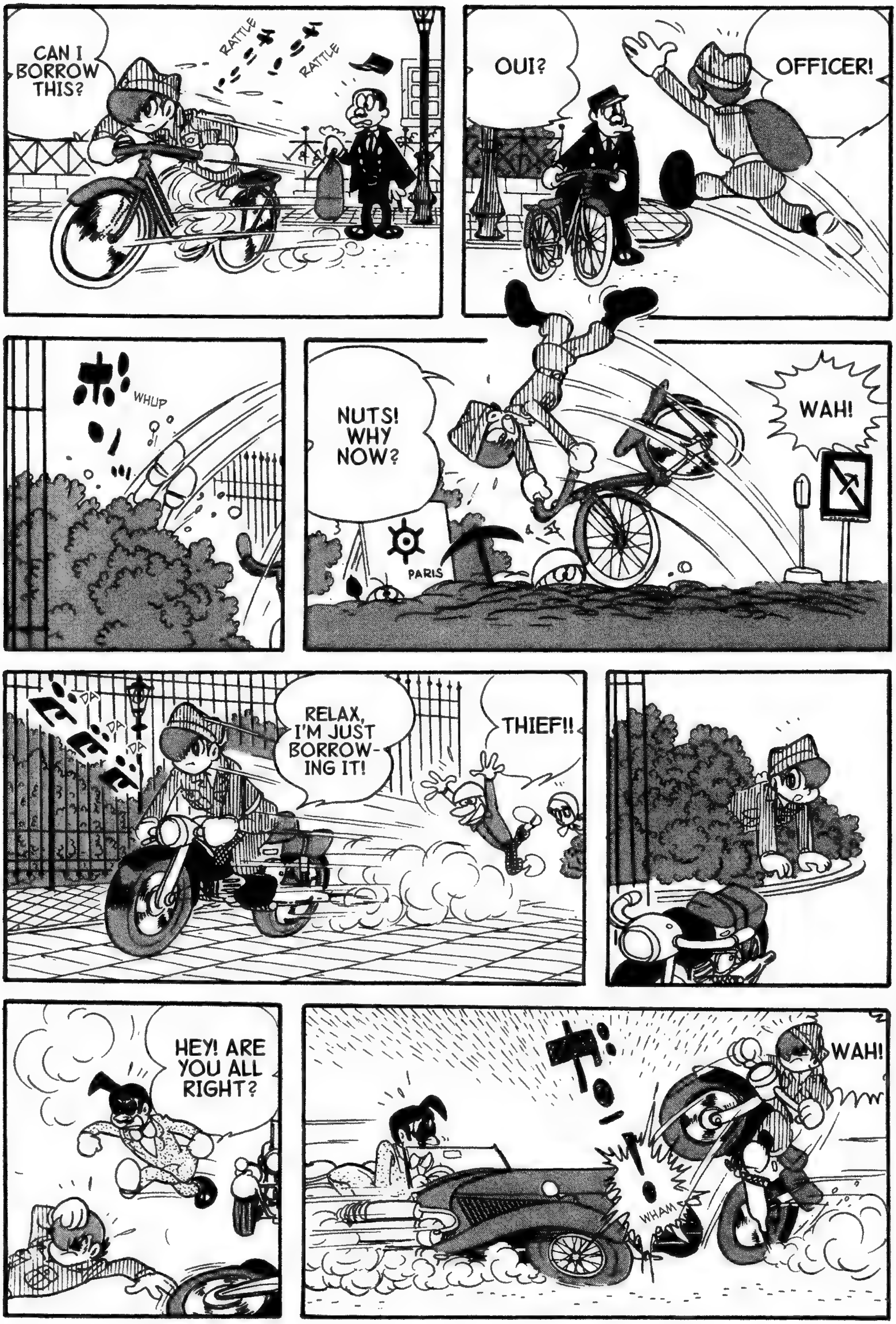

ZOOM
OH NO!
DAMN, HE FIGURED IT OUT!
HEY, WAIT!
KRAK
BADDA
BADDA
DA
DA
DA
FIRE!
HEY!
STOP THAT TRUCK!
DA
DA
DA
CRASH

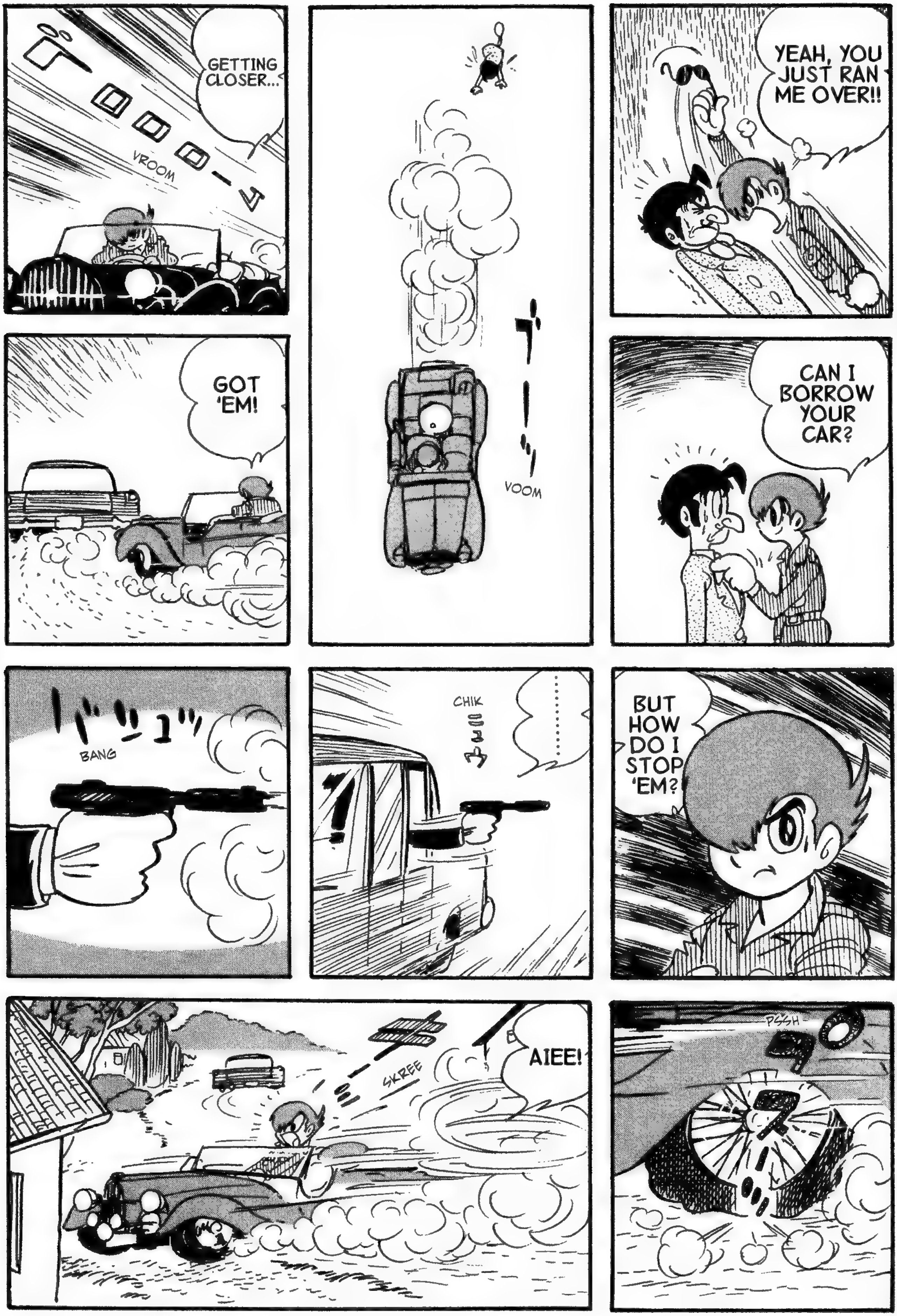

SKREE
ZING
UHH!
PSHUU
GROWL
SKREEE
HILDA!
SMASH
HILDA!

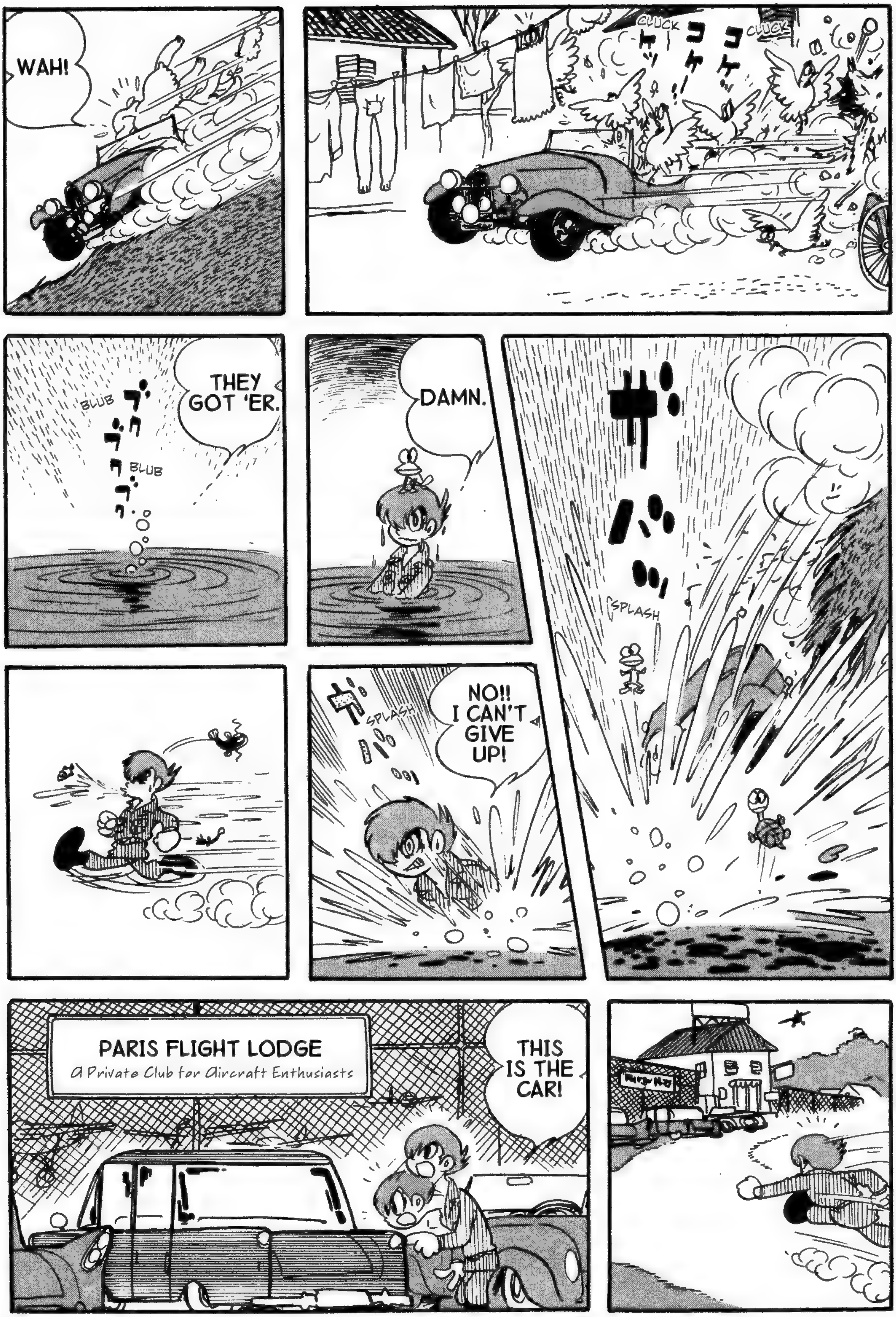

SOB... SOB... SOB...
AAAAH...
THUD
HILDA!
HEY! HOLD ON, THERE!
ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?
THE WOMAN IS DEAD.
BUT THE MAN IS STILL ALIVE!
CALL AN AMBULANCE!
IT WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!
WE'LL TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL OURSELVES.
VROOM

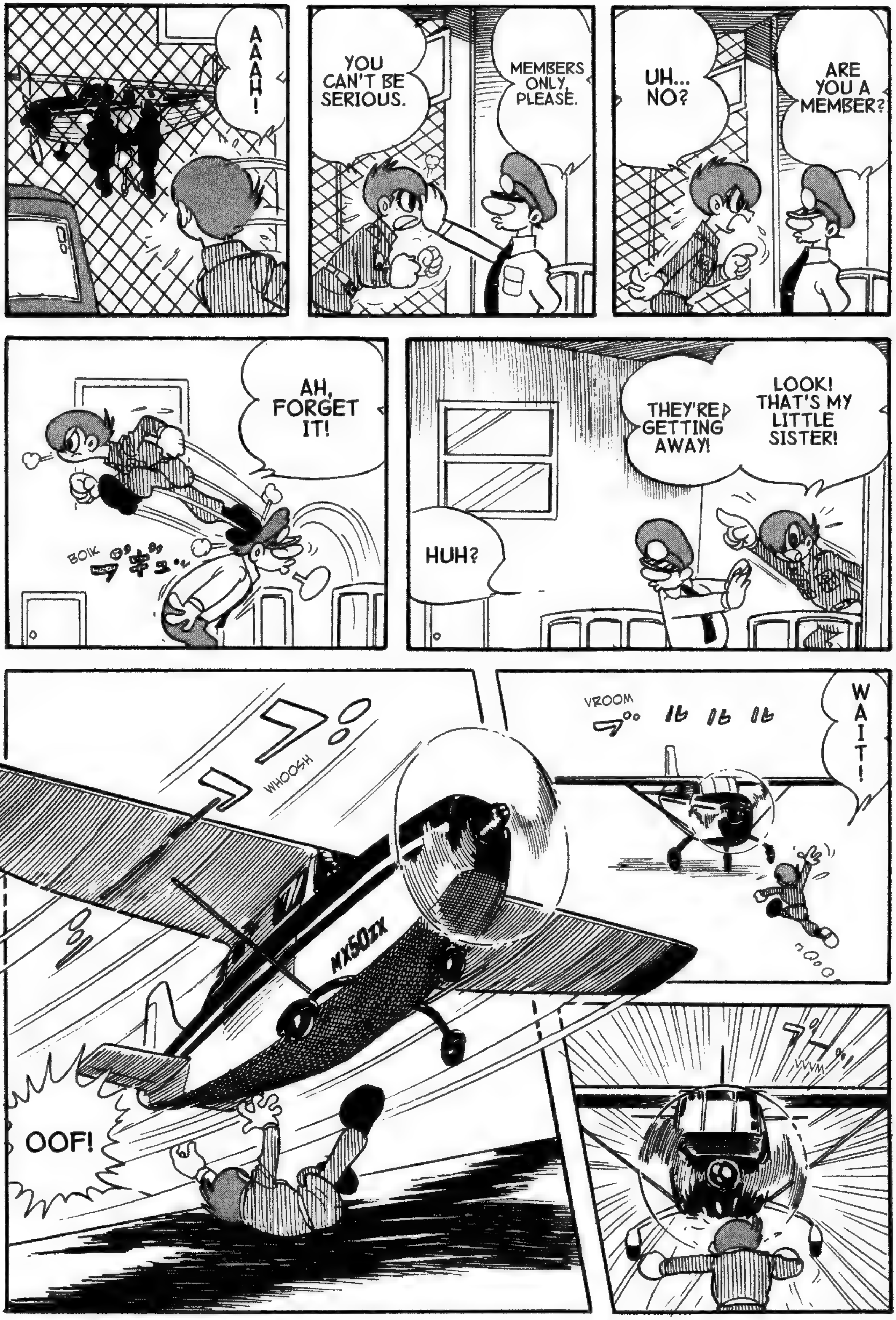

ANY SERIOUSLY DAMAGED PARTS WE'LL JUST REPLACE WITH CYBERNETIC UNITS.
WHAT?
ALL HE HAS TO DO IS LIVE.
Paris, France...
WE'RE COOL AIR FORCE FLYBOYS....
FLYING IN THE SKY, LOOKING FOR NEW TOYS....
CHUU
LA LA LA... THAT'S...
JEAN!! I CAN GUESS WHERE YOU'RE HEADED.
ONE WEEK'S LEAVE! CHUCKLE, CHUCKLE.
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!
SHEESH, HOW BORING.
TELL HER YOURSELF. I'M GOING TO MY LITTLE SISTER'S PLACE.
TELL YOU'RE GIRL HI FOR ME.
I'M GOING TO THE TRAIN STATION TO MEET MY BROTHER.
WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, MISS ARNOUL?

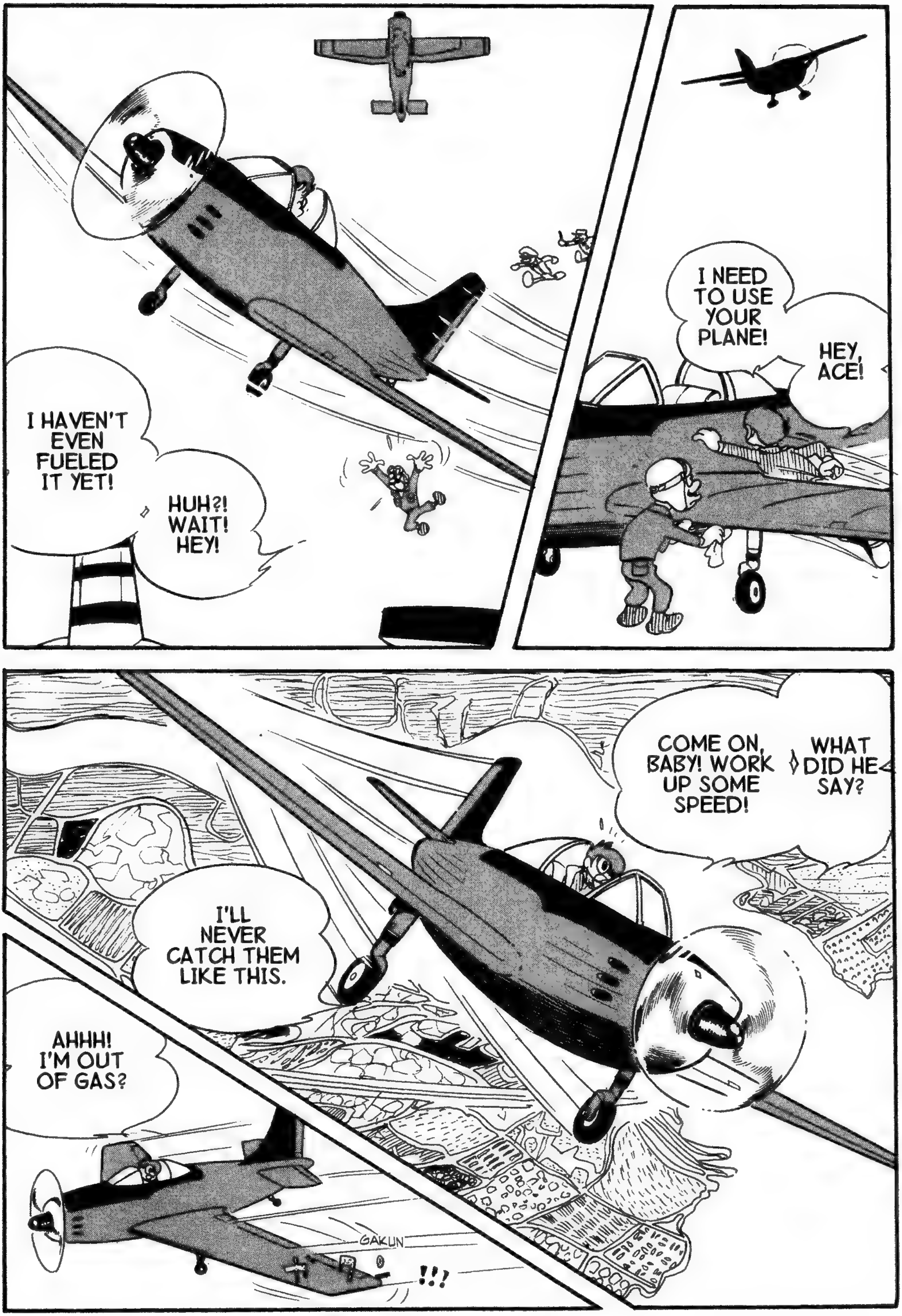

OH NO, I SLEPT IN.
I HOPE I MAKE IT IN TIME!
HOW ABOUT HER?
A SCHOOLGIRL LIVING IN A BOARDING HOUSE? GOOD CHOICE.
WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO A GIRL LIVING BY HERSELF?
HER WHEREABOUTS COULD BECOME UNCERTAIN ANYTIME.
EXCUSE ME, MADEMOISELLE. YOU SEEM IN A HURRY...
PERHAPS WE COULD OFFER YOU A LIFT?
NO THANK YOU.
YOU GUYS GIVE ME THE CREEPS. I'LL PASS.
GRR!!
JUST GRAB HER!
AAAH...
IS THAT FRANCOISE?
WHAT THE HECK?
HEY! SHE'S BEING KIDNAPPED!
BRUUM
ブル!

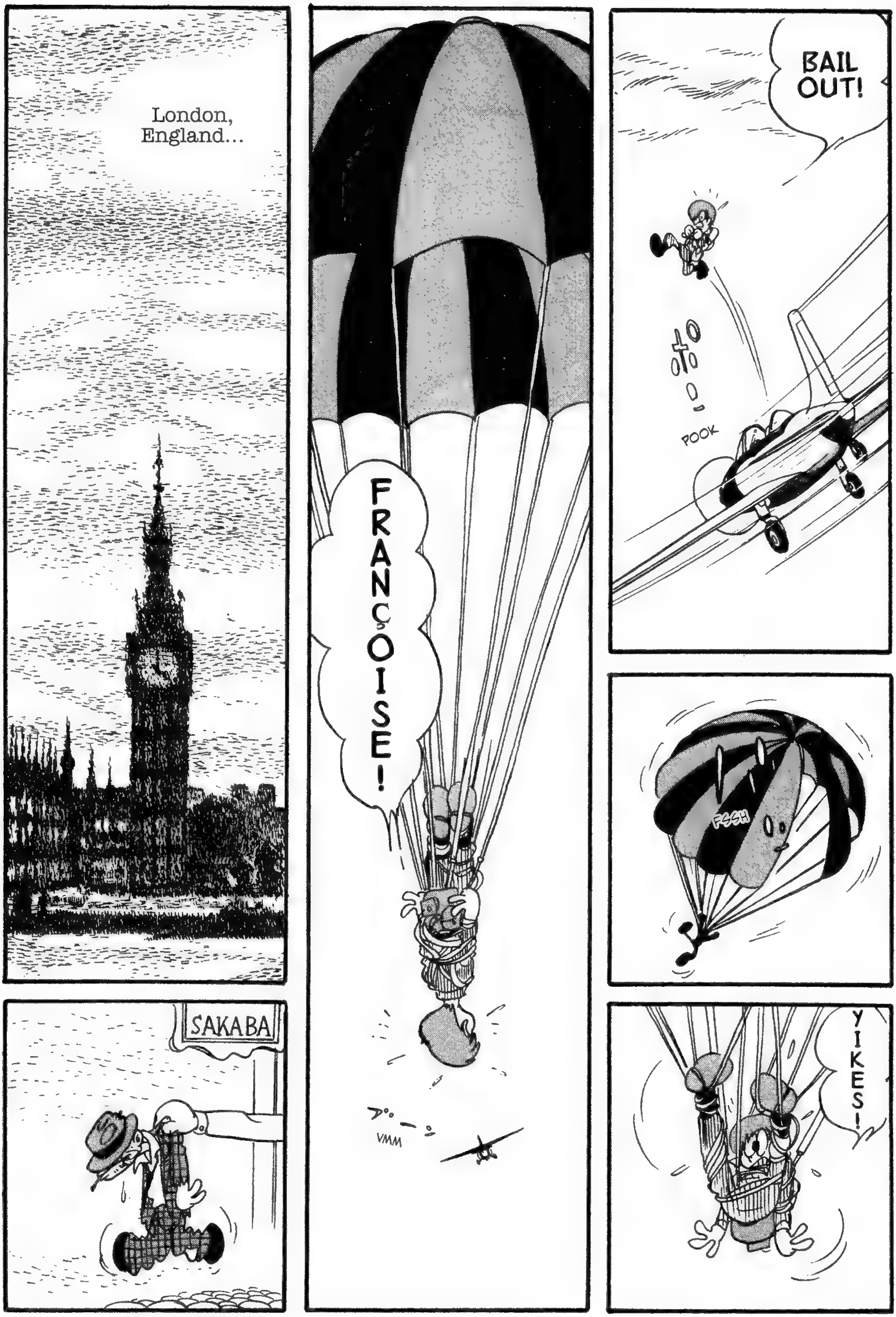

OFFICER!
OUI?
CAN I BORROW THIS?
RATTLE
RATTLE
WAH!
NUTS! WHY NOW?
PARIS
WHUP
THIEF!!
RELAX, I'M JUST BORROWING IT!
DA
DA
DA
WAH!
WHAM
HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

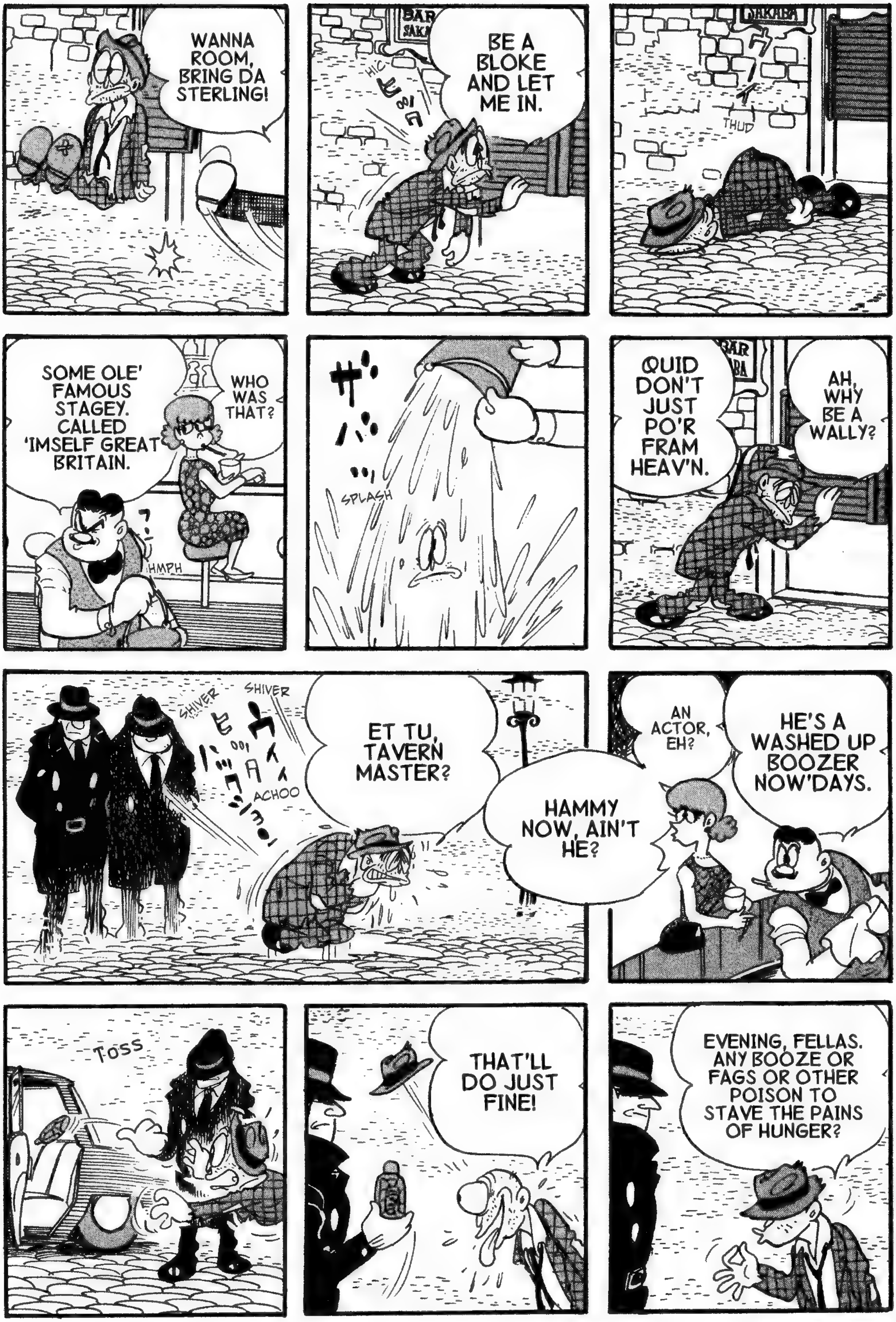

YEAH, YOU JUST RAN ME OVER!!
VOOM
GETTING CLOSER...
VROOM
CAN I BORROW YOUR CAR?
GOT 'EM!
BUT HOW DO I STOP 'EM?
CHIK
BANG
PSSH
AIEE!
SKREE

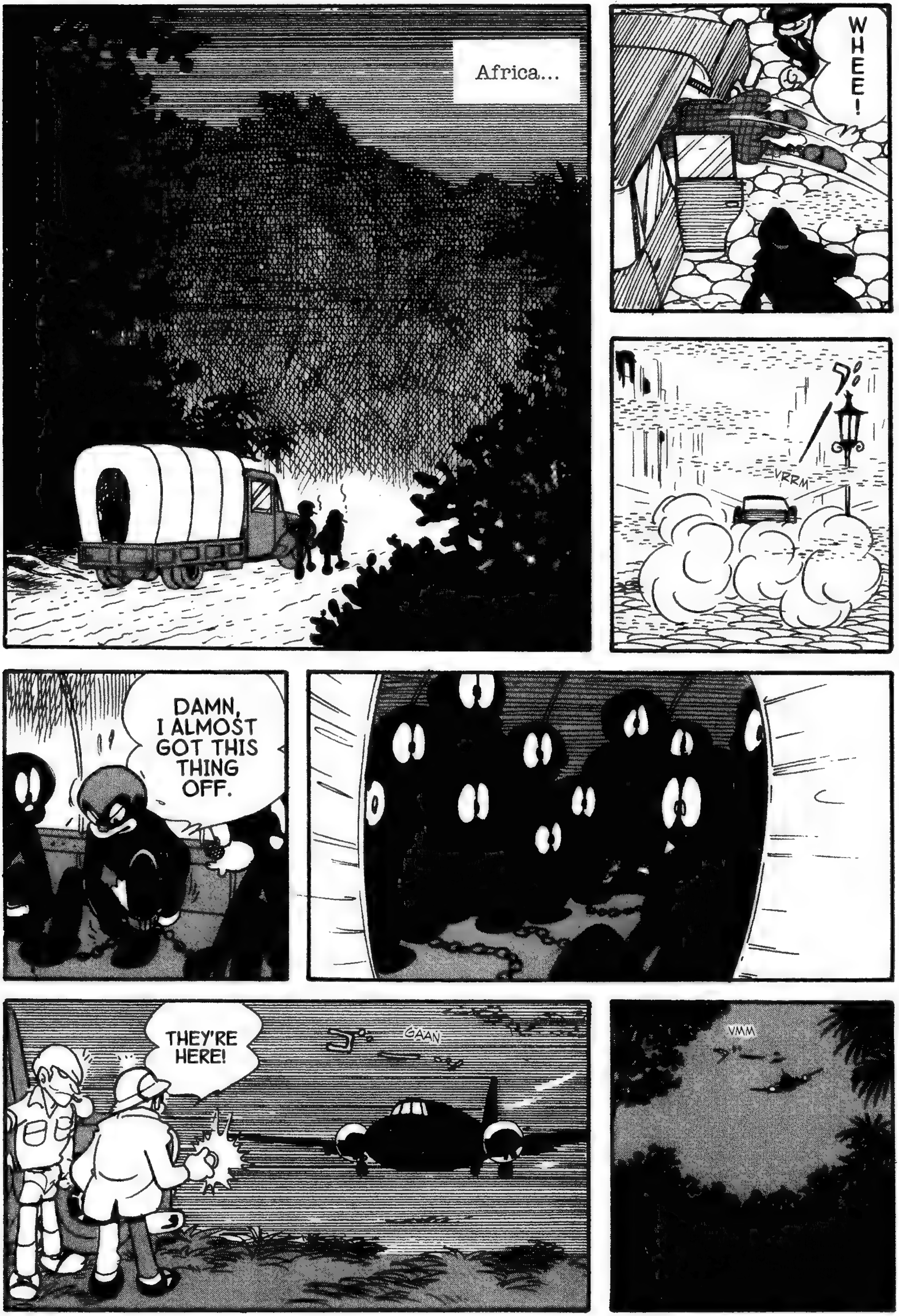
CLUCK
CLUCK
コケッ
コケッ
WAH!
ザバッ
SPLASH
DAMN.
THEY GOT 'ER.
BLUB
BLUB
ブクブクブク
NO!! I CAN'T GIVE UP!
SPLASH
ザバ
THIS IS THE CAR!
PARIS FLIGHT LODGE
A Private Club for Aircraft Enthusiasts

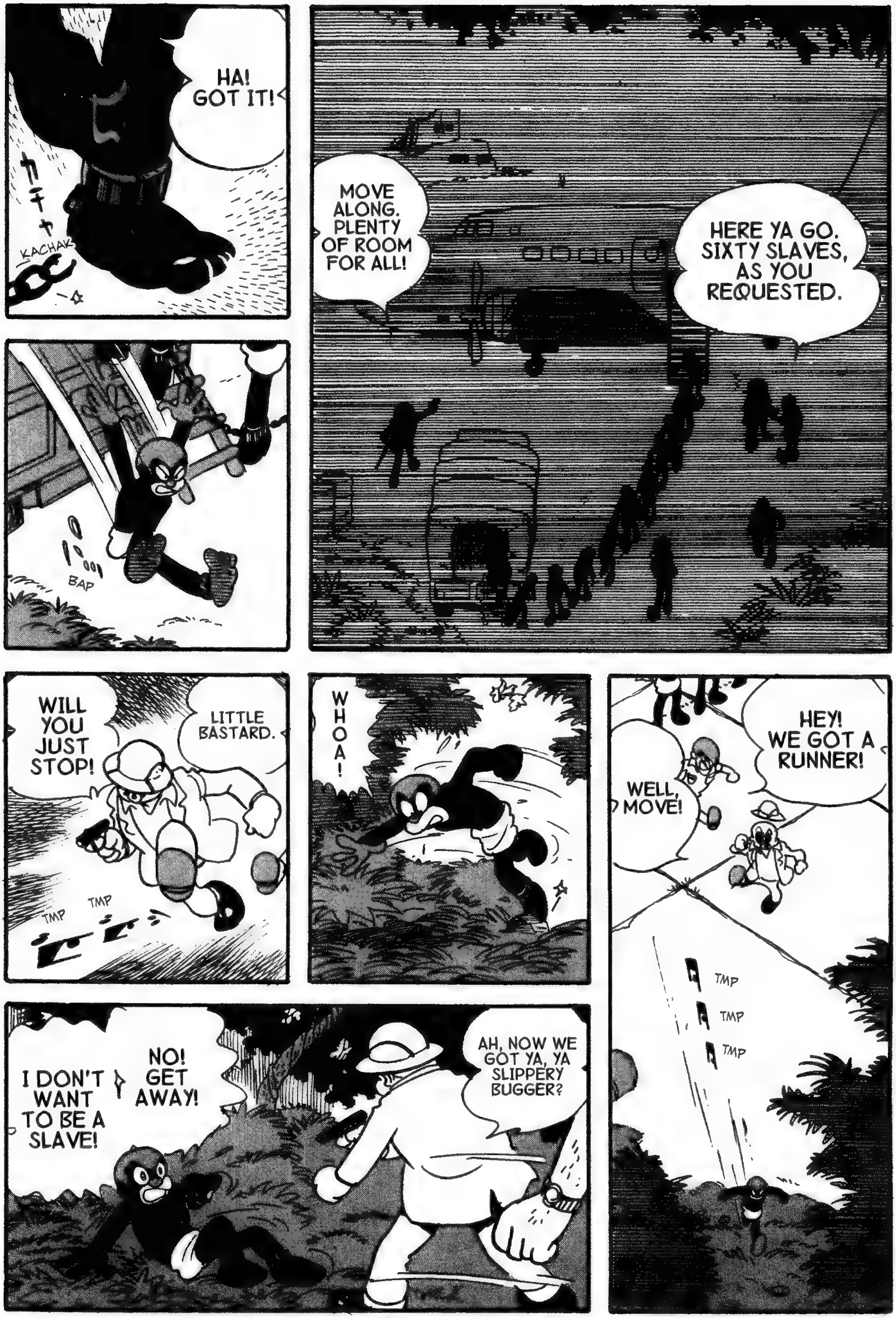

AAAH!
MEMBERS ONLY, PLEASE.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
ARE YOU A MEMBER?
UH... NO?
AH, FORGET IT!
BOIK
LOOK! THAT'S MY LITTLE SISTER!
THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
HUH?
VROOM
WAIT!
WHOOSH
OOF!
VVVM

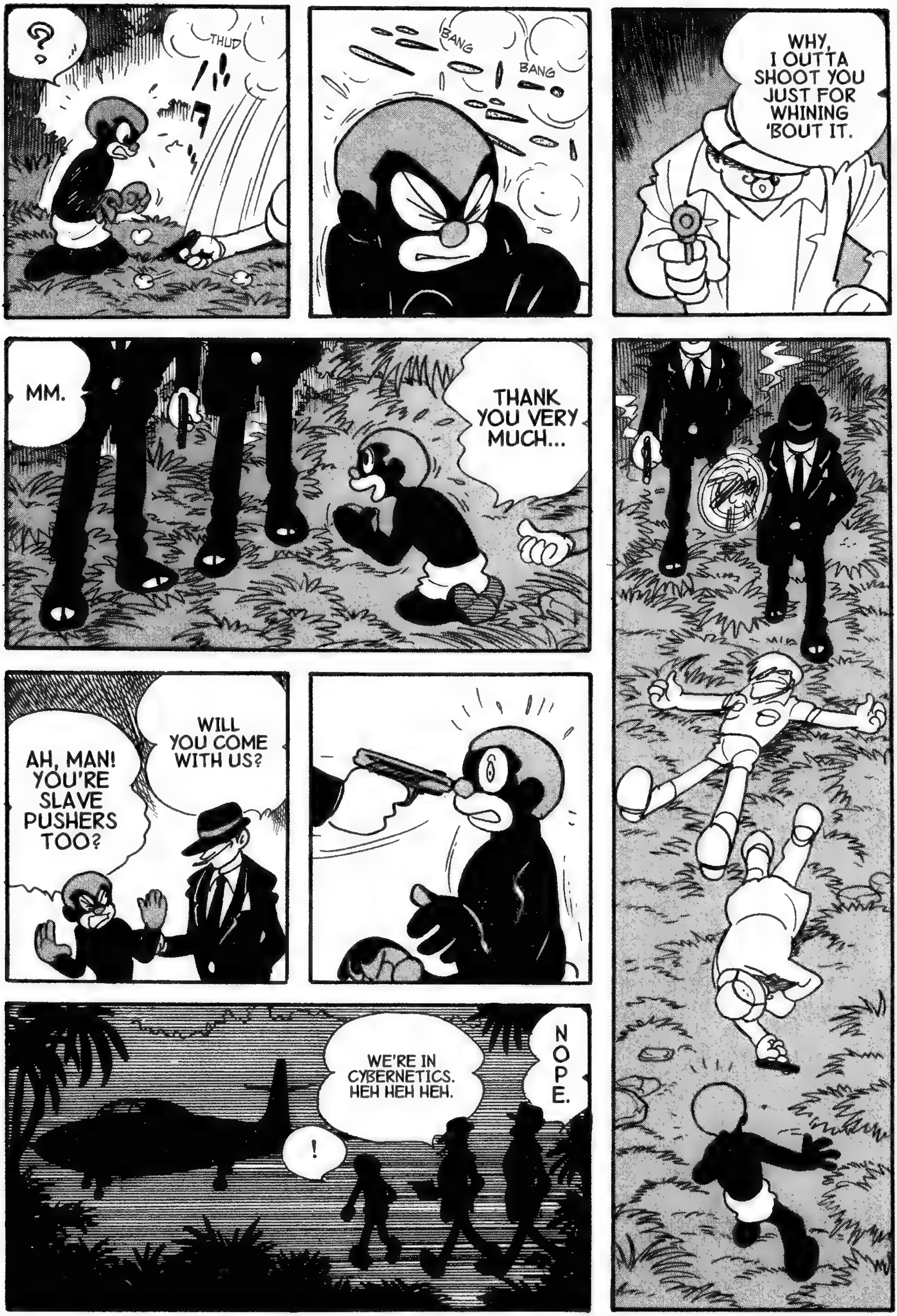

HEY, ACE!
I NEED TO USE YOUR PLANE!
HUH?! WAIT! HEY!
I HAVEN'T EVEN FUELED IT YET!
WHAT DID HE SAY?
COME ON, BABY! WORK UP SOME SPEED!
I'LL NEVER CATCH THEM LIKE THIS.
AHHH! I'M OUT OF GAS?
GAKUN
!!!


London, England...
SAKABA
FRANÇOISE!
VMM
BAIL OUT!
POOK
FSSH
YIKES!


WANNA ROOM, BRING DA STERLING!
BAR SAKABA
HIC
BE A BLOKE AND LET ME IN.
SAKABA
THUD
WHO WAS THAT?
SOME OLE' FAMOUS STAGEY. CALLED 'IMSELF GREAT BRITAIN.
HMPH
SPLASH
QUID DON'T JUST PO'R FRAM HEAV'N.
AH, WHY BE A WALLY?
SHIVER
SHIVER
ACHOO
ET TU, TAVERN MASTER?
AN ACTOR, EH?
HE'S A WASHED UP BOOZER NOW'DAYS.
HAMMY NOW, AIN'T HE?
TOSS
THAT'LL DO JUST FINE!
EVENING, FELLAS. ANY BOOZE OR FAGS OR OTHER POISON TO STAVE THE PAINS OF HUNGER?


Africa...
WHEE!
VRRM
DAMN, I ALMOST GOT THIS THING OFF.
THEY'RE HERE!
GAAN
VMM


HA! GOT IT!
カチャ
KACHAK
BAP
MOVE ALONG. PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ALL!
HERE YA GO. SIXTY SLAVES, AS YOU REQUESTED.
WILL YOU JUST STOP!
LITTLE BASTARD.
TMP
TMP
WHOA!
HEY! WE GOT A RUNNER!
WELL, MOVE!
TMP
TMP
TMP
I DON'T WANT TO BE A SLAVE!
NO! GET AWAY!
AH, NOW WE GOT YA, YA SLIPPERY BUGGER?


WHY, I OUTTA SHOOT YOU JUST FOR WHINING 'BOUT IT.
BANG
BANG
THUD
?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
MM.
WILL YOU COME WITH US?
AH, MAN! YOU'RE SLAVE PUSHERS TOO?
NOPE.
WE'RE IN CYBERNETICS. HEH HEH HEH.
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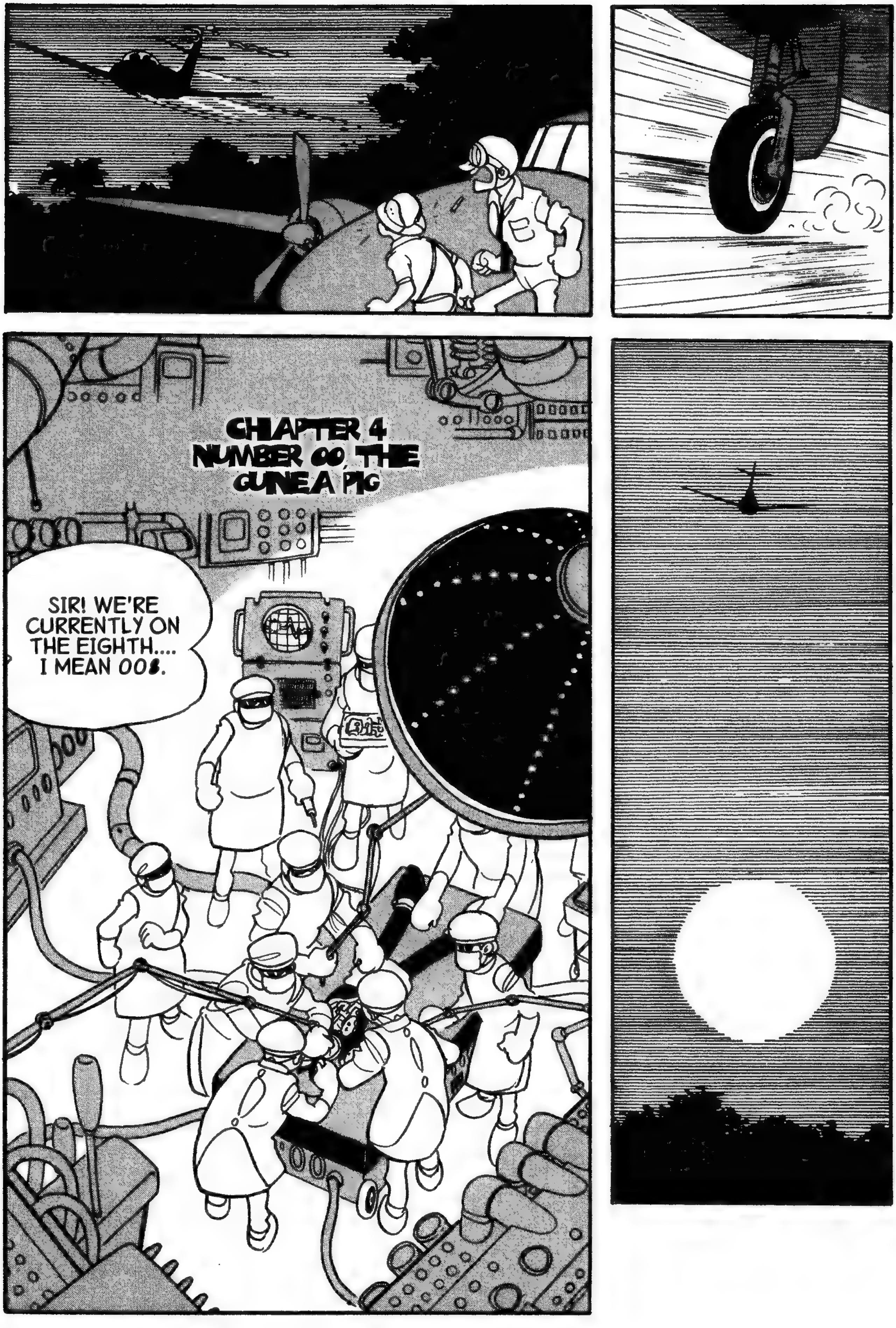
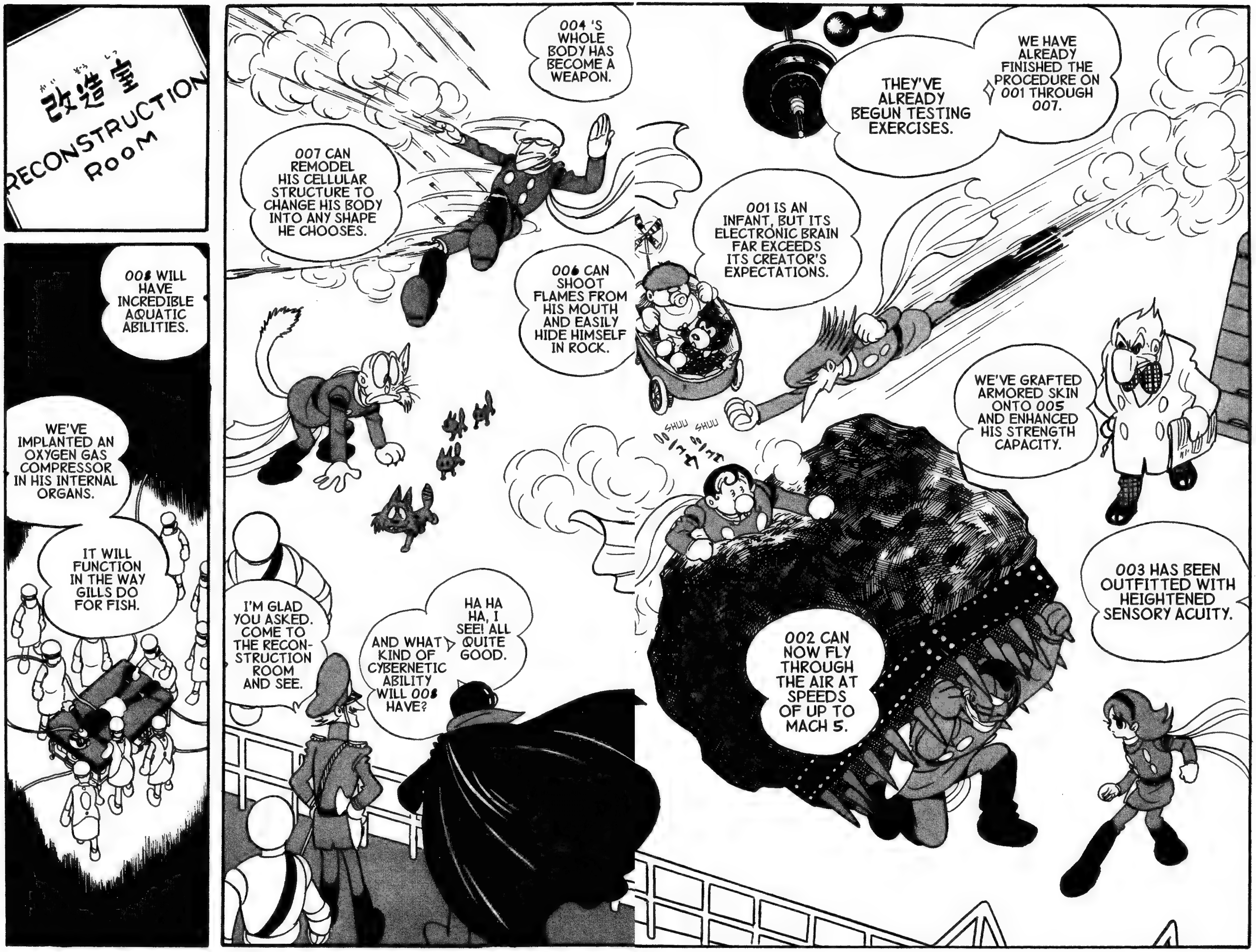
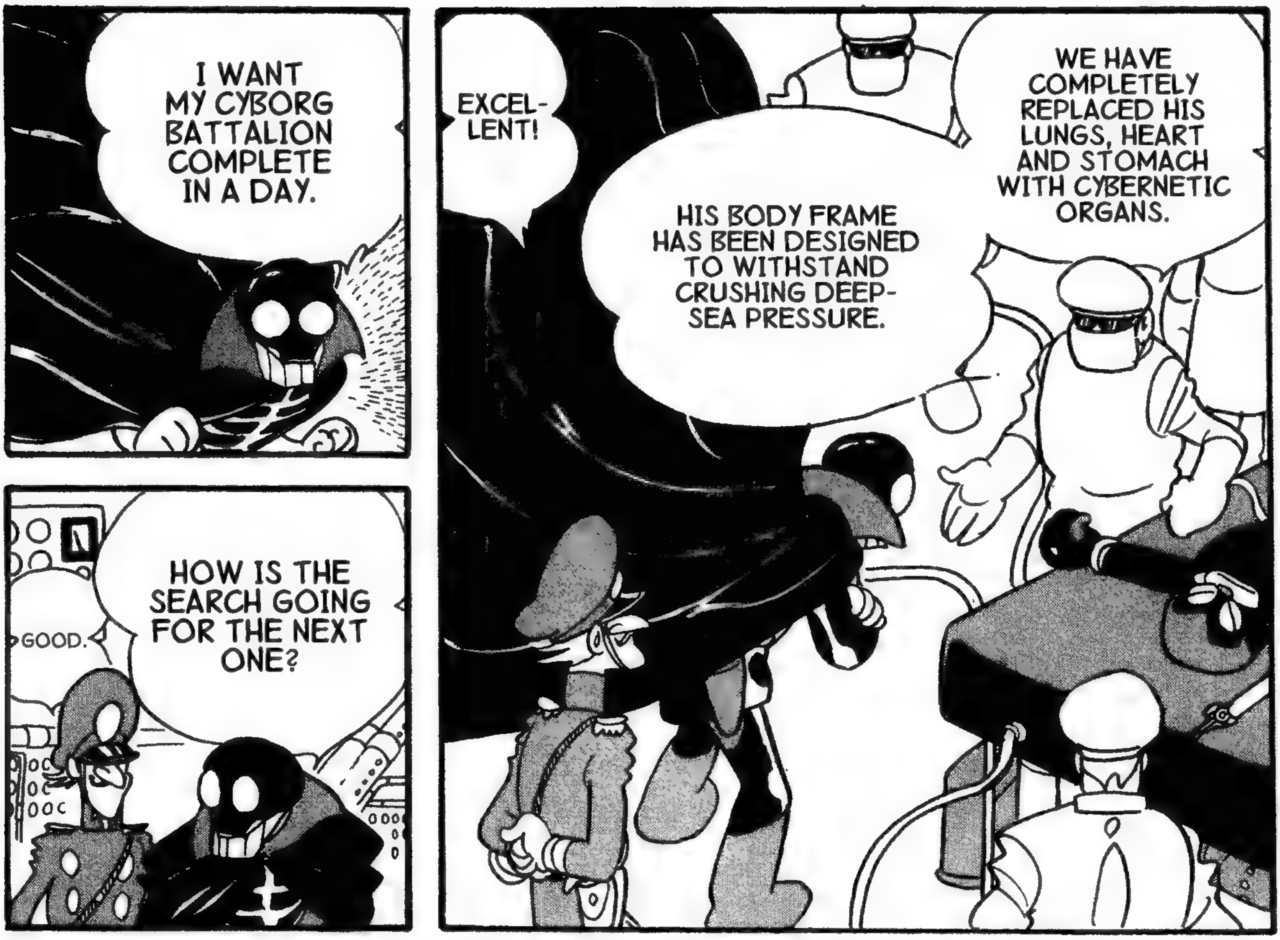
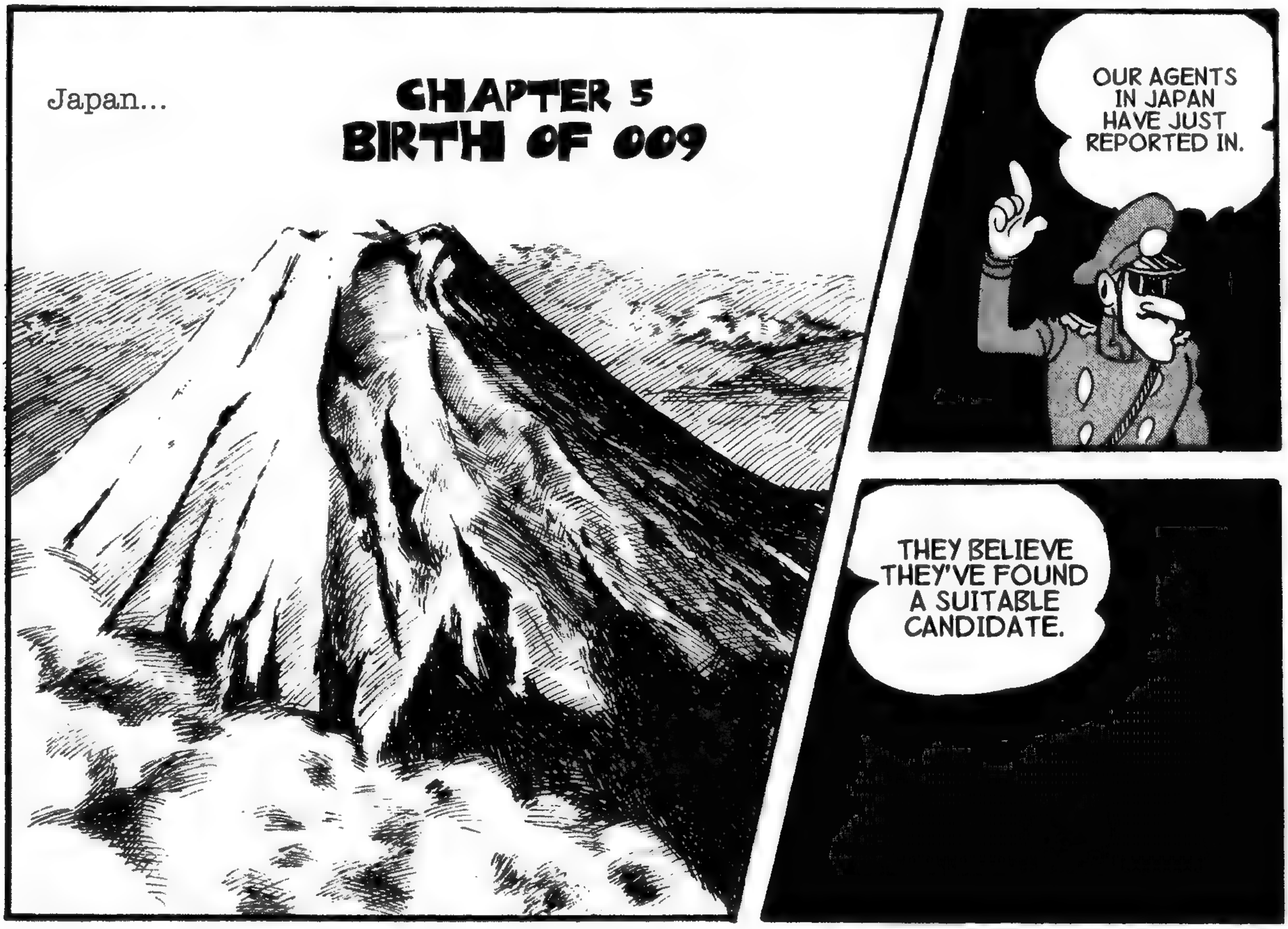
CHAPTER 4
NUMBER 00, THE GUINEA PIG


SIR! WE'RE CURRENTLY ON THE EIGHTH.... I MEAN 008.

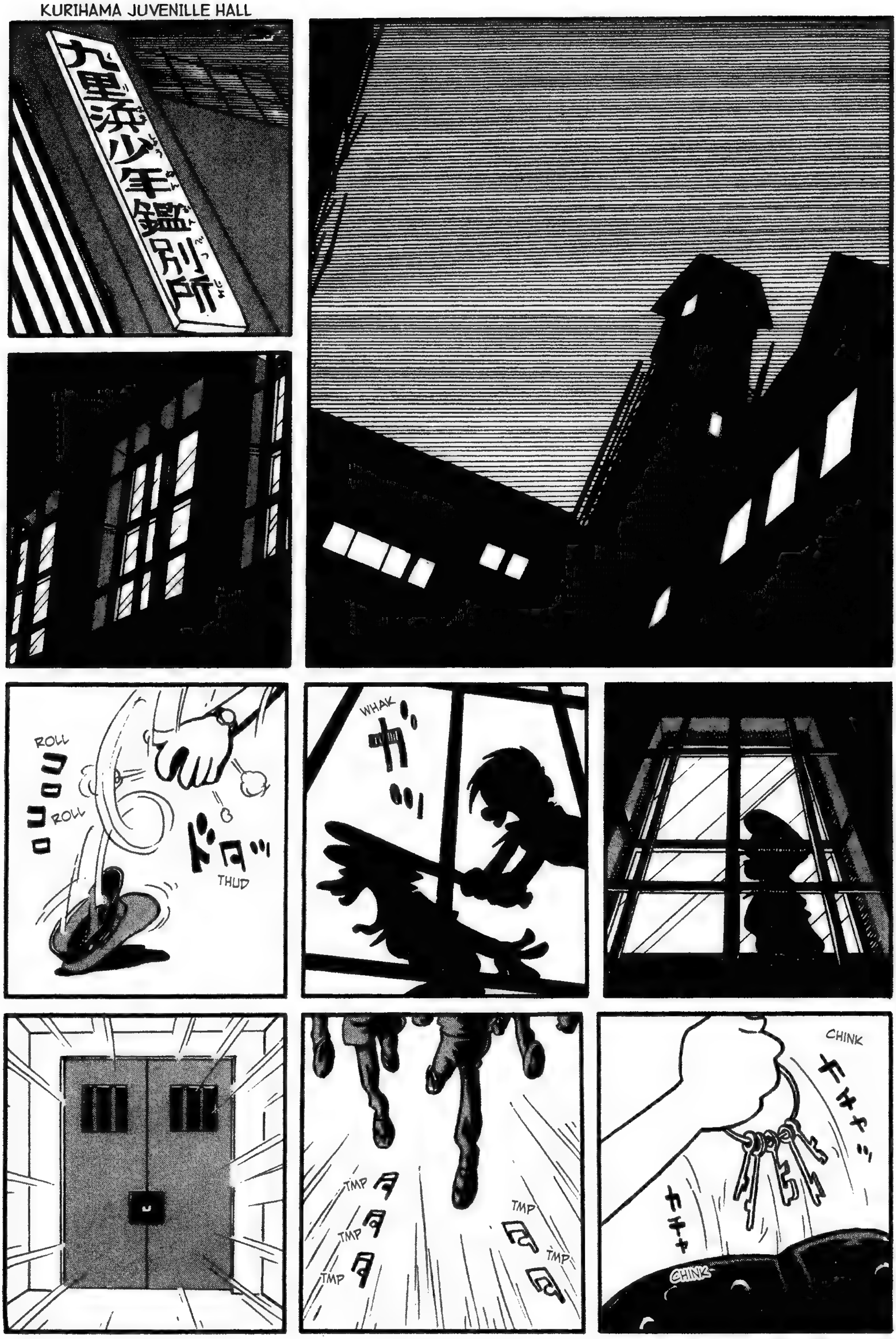

改造室
RECONSTRUCTION ROOM
008 WILL HAVE INCREDIBLE AQUATIC ABILITIES.
WE'VE IMPLANTED AN OXYGEN GAS COMPRESSOR IN HIS INTERNAL ORGANS.
IT WILL FUNCTION IN THE WAY GILLS DO FOR FISH.
004 'S WHOLE BODY HAS BECOME A WEAPON.
007 CAN REMODEL HIS CELLULAR STRUCTURE TO CHANGE HIS BODY INTO ANY SHAPE HE CHOOSES.
006 CAN SHOOT FLAMES FROM HIS MOUTH AND EASILY HIDE HIMSELF IN ROCK.
AND WHAT KIND OF CYBERNETIC ABILITY WILL 008 HAVE?
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED. COME TO THE RECONSTRUCTION ROOM AND SEE.
HA HA HA, I SEE! ALL QUITE GOOD.
THEY'VE ALREADY BEGUN TESTING EXERCISES.
WE HAVE ALREADY FINISHED THE PROCEDURE ON 001 THROUGH 007.
001 IS AN INFANT, BUT ITS ELECTRONIC BRAIN FAR EXCEEDS ITS CREATOR'S EXPECTATIONS.
SHUU SHUU
WE'VE GRAFTED ARMORED SKIN ONTO 005 AND ENHANCED HIS STRENGTH CAPACITY.
003 HAS BEEN OUTFITTED WITH HEIGHTENED SENSORY ACUITY.
002 CAN NOW FLY THROUGH THE AIR AT SPEEDS OF UP TO MACH 5.


WE HAVE COMPLETELY REPLACED HIS LUNGS, HEART AND STOMACH WITH CYBERNETIC ORGANS.
HIS BODY FRAME HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND CRUSHING DEEP-SEA PRESSURE.
EXCEL-LENT!
I WANT MY CYBORG BATTALION COMPLETE IN A DAY.
HOW IS THE SEARCH GOING FOR THE NEXT ONE?
GOOD.

CHAPTER 5
BIRTH OF 009


Japan...
OUR AGENTS IN JAPAN HAVE JUST REPORTED IN.
THEY BELIEVE THEY'VE FOUND A SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

KURIHAMA JUVENILLE HALL


九里浜少年鑑別所
WHAK
ガッ
ドタッ
THUD
ROLL
コロコロ
ROLL
CHINK
チャキッ
カチャ
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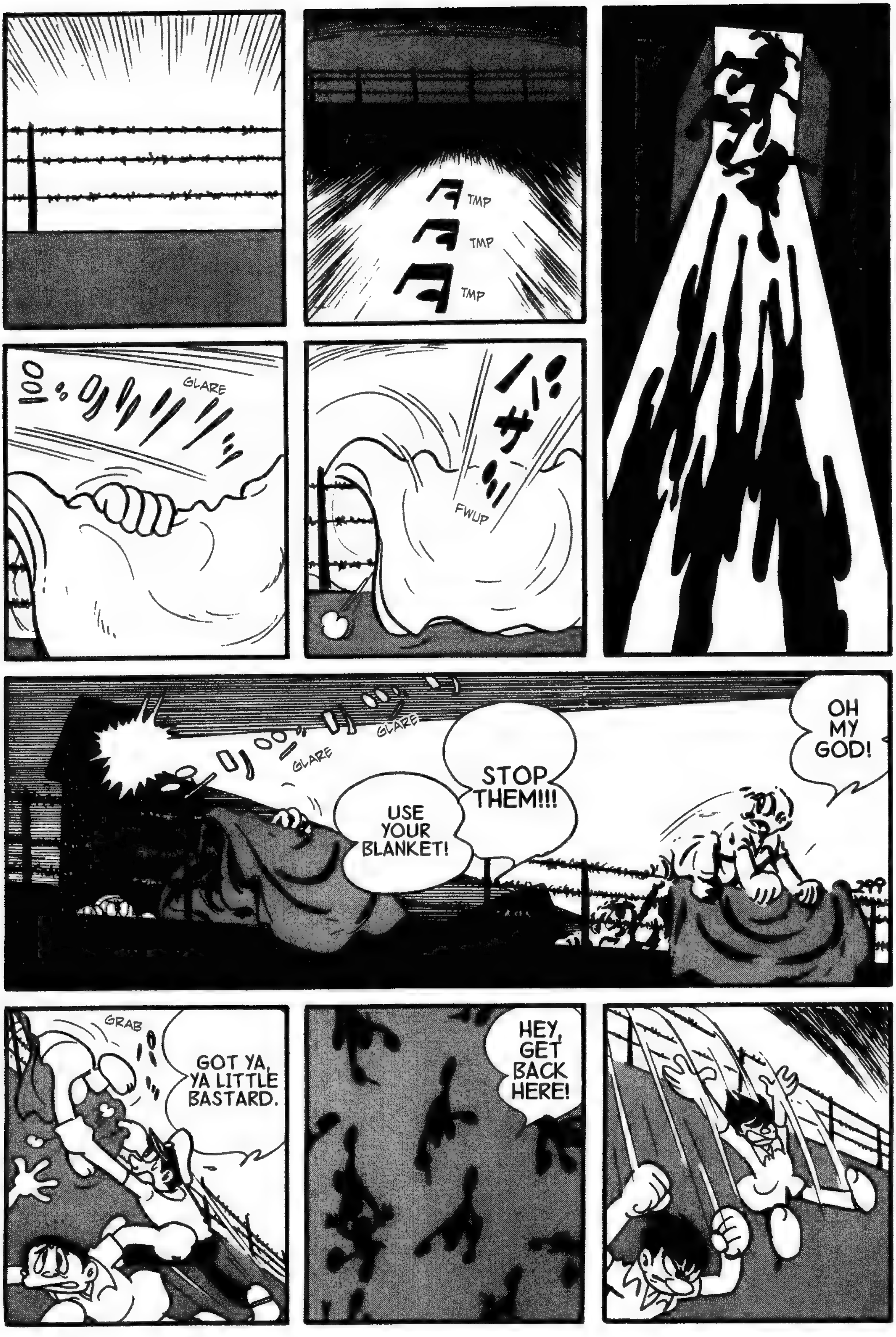
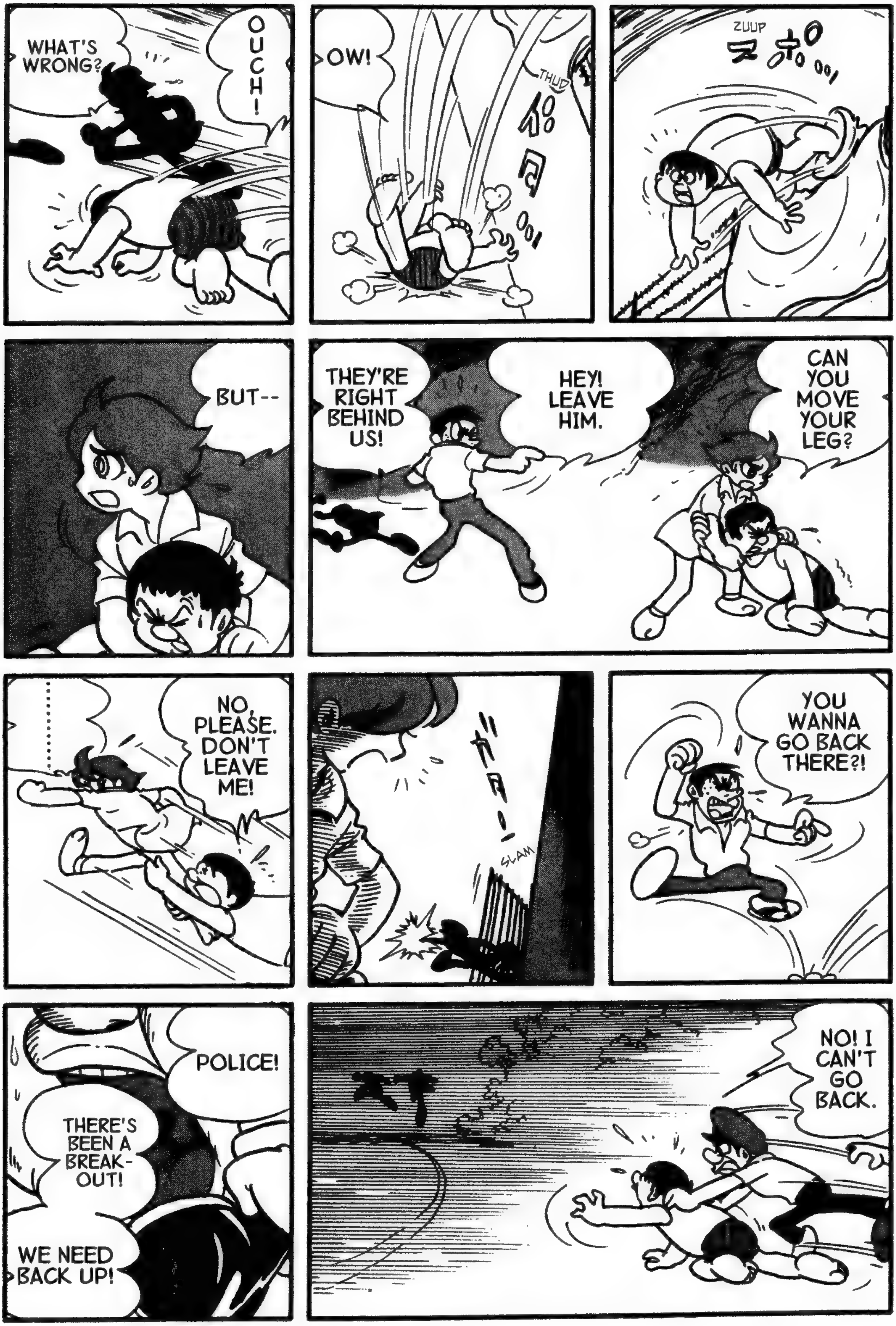
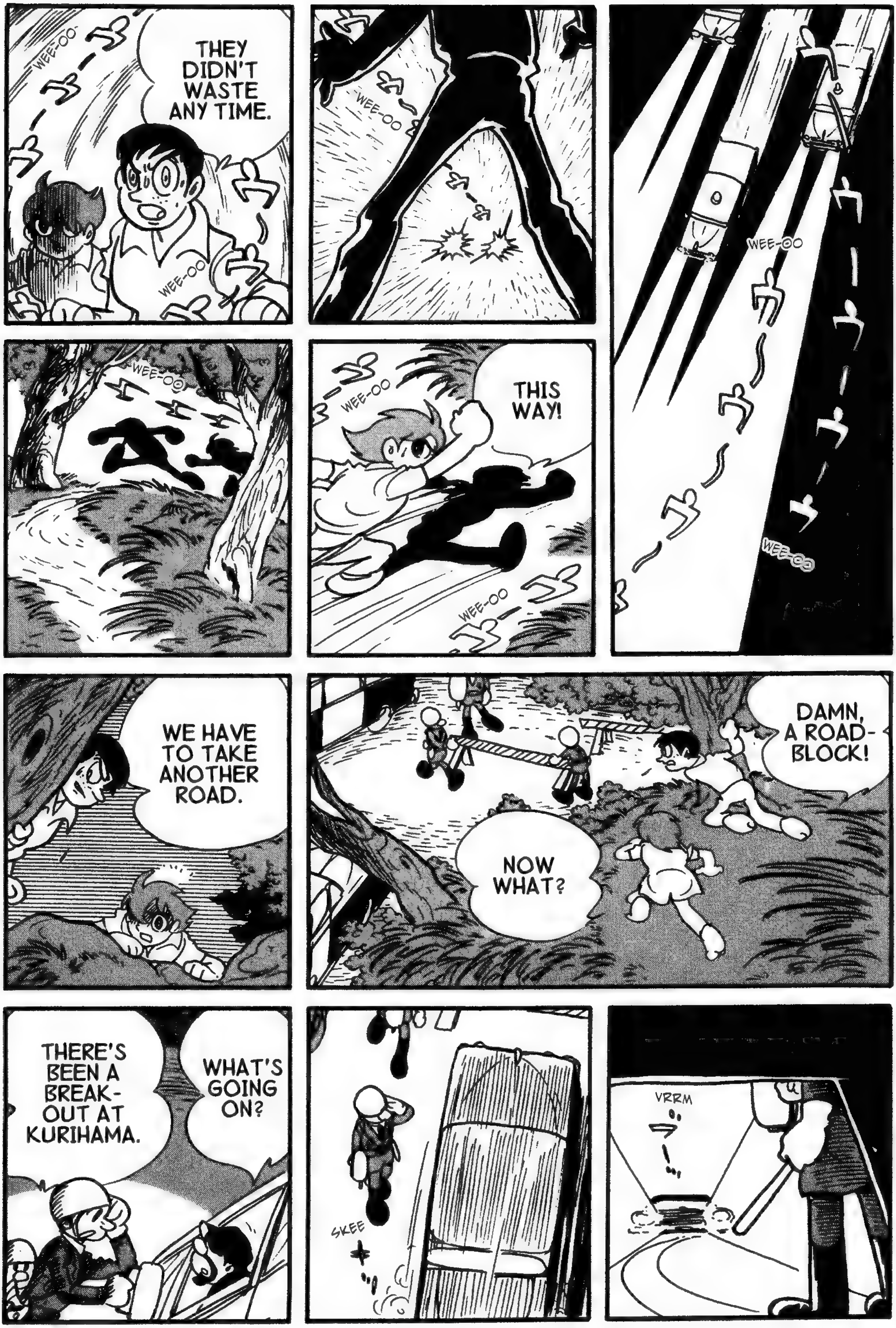
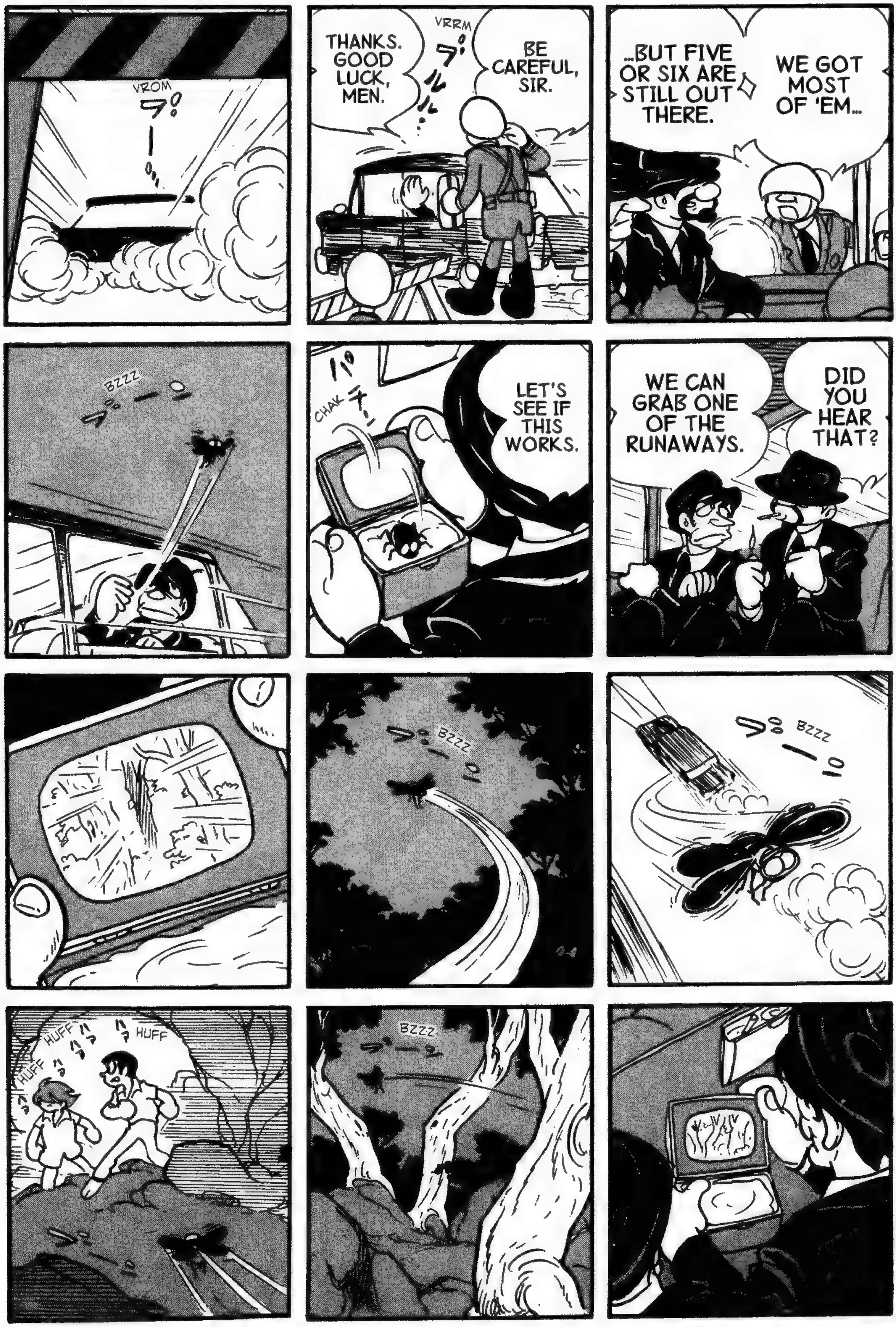
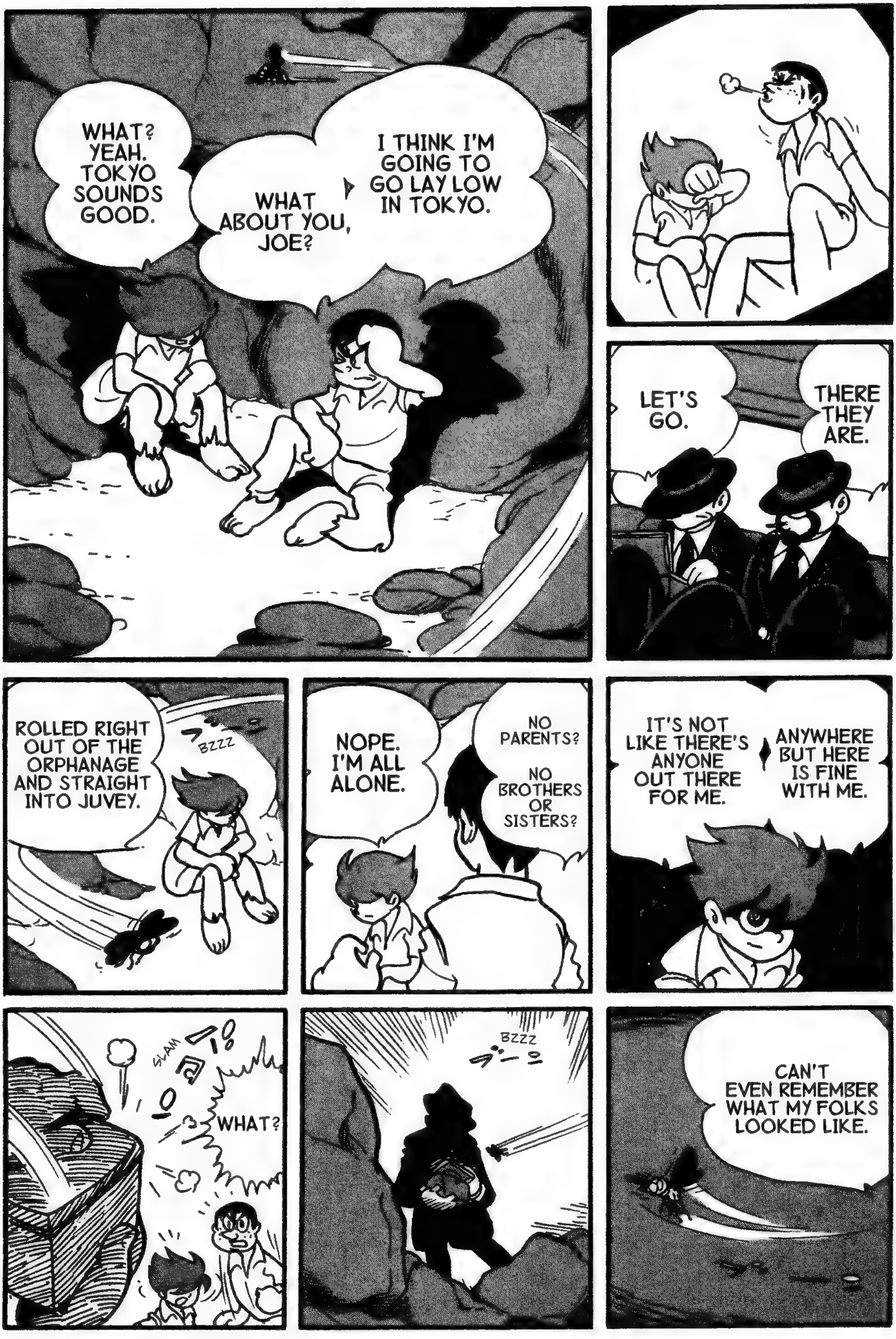
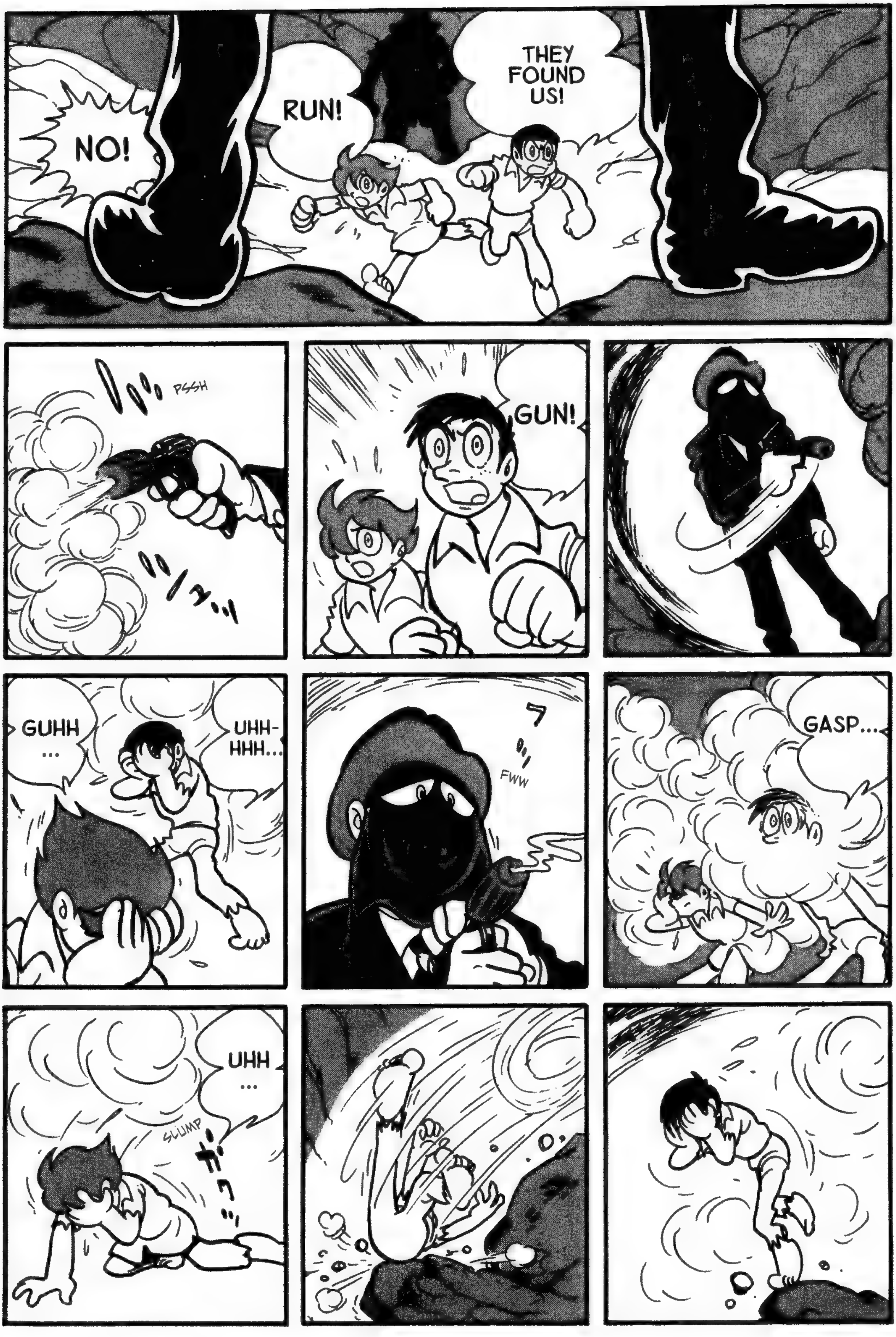

TMP
TMP
TMP
GLARE
FWUP
GLARE
GLARE
USE YOUR BLANKET!
STOP THEM!!!
OH MY GOD!
GRAB
GOT YA, YA LITTLE BASTARD.
HEY, GET BACK HERE!

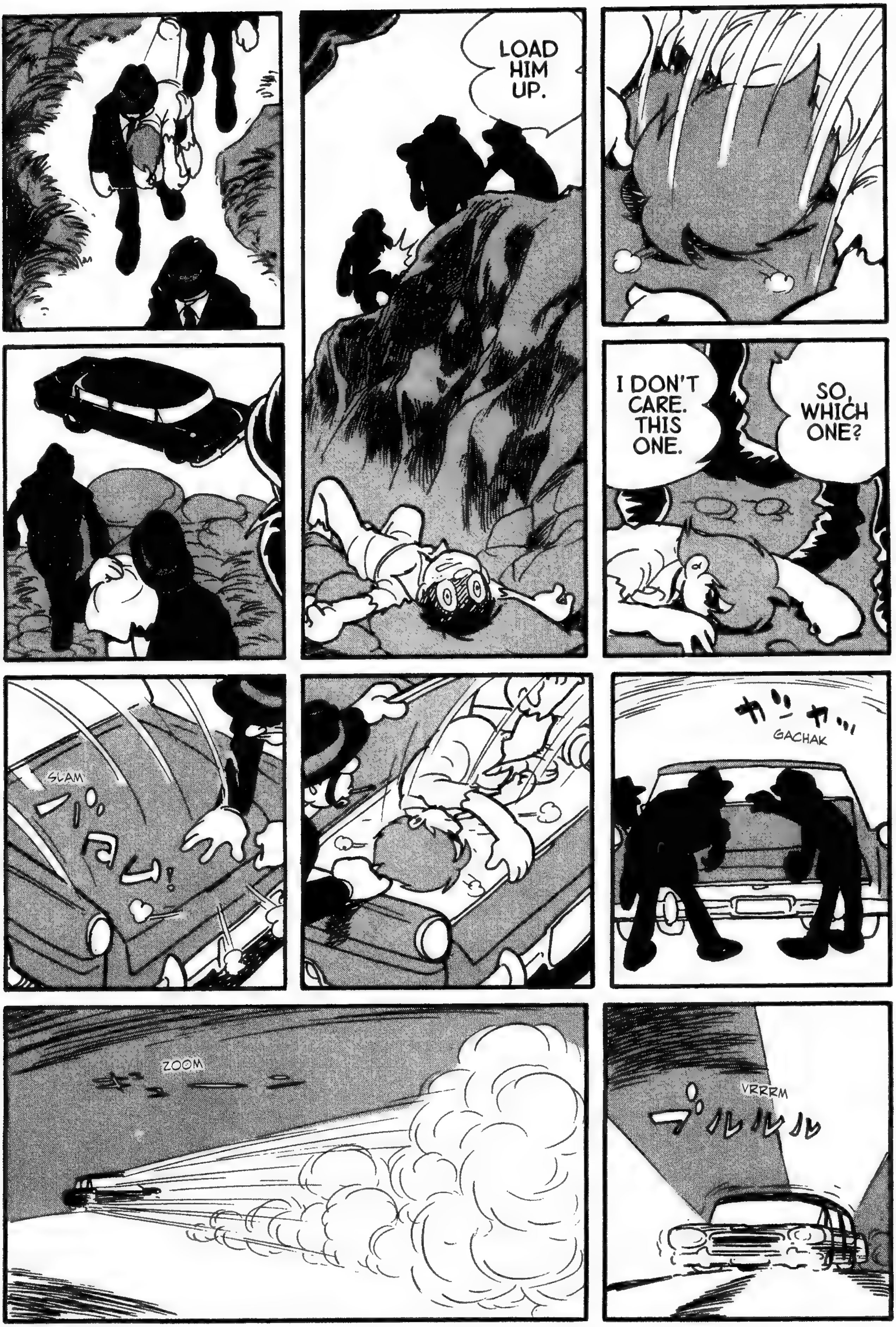

WHAT'S WRONG?
OUCH!
OW!
THUD
ZUUP
BUT--
THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!
HEY! LEAVE HIM.
CAN YOU MOVE YOUR LEG?
NO, PLEASE. DON'T LEAVE ME!
SLAM
YOU WANNA GO BACK THERE?!
POLICE!
THERE'S BEEN A BREAK-OUT!
WE NEED BACK UP!
NO! I CAN'T GO BACK.

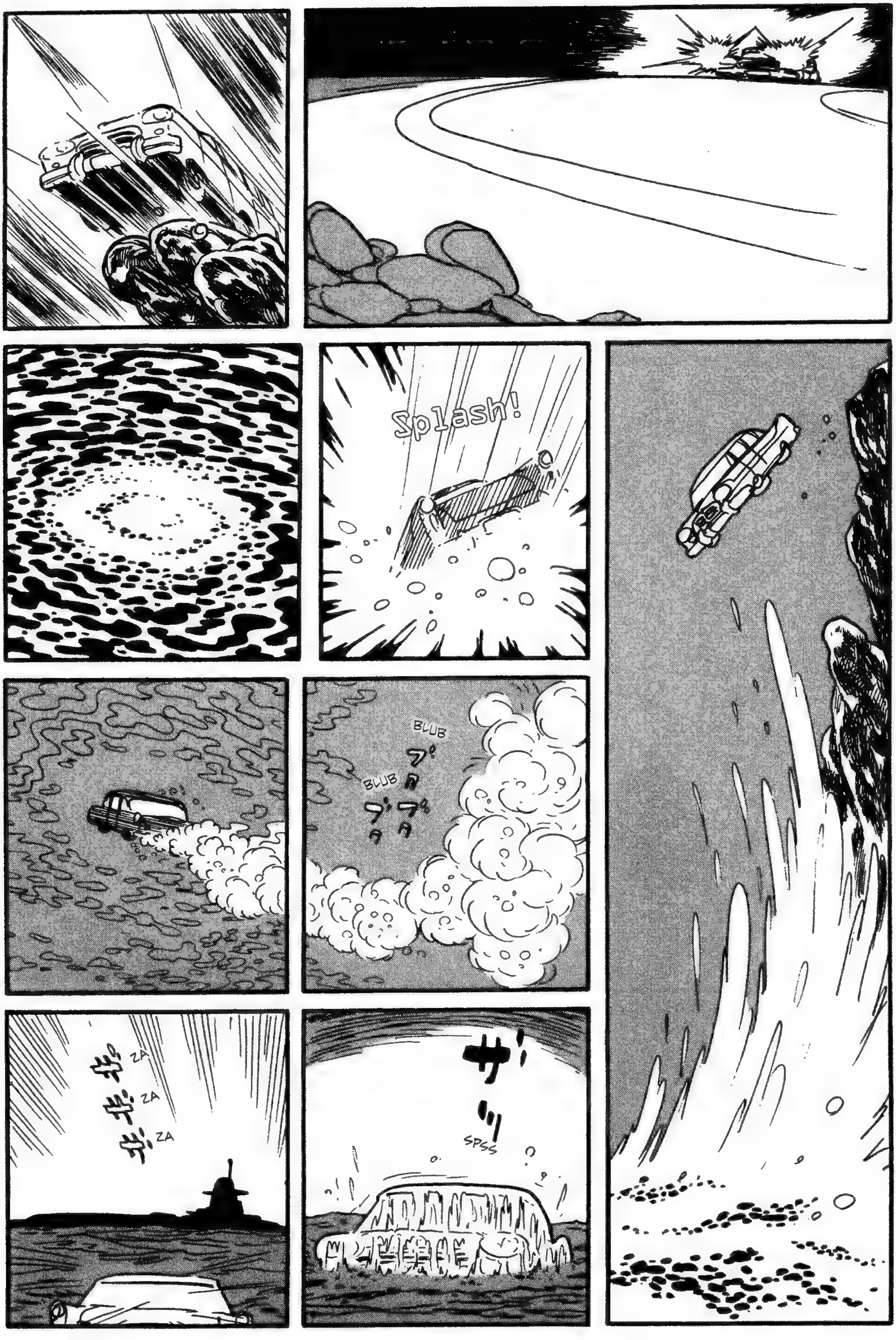

WEE-OO
THEY DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME.
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
THIS WAY!
WEE-OO
WE HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER ROAD.
DAMN, A ROAD-BLOCK!
NOW WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'S BEEN A BREAK-OUT AT KURIHAMA.
SKEE
VRRM

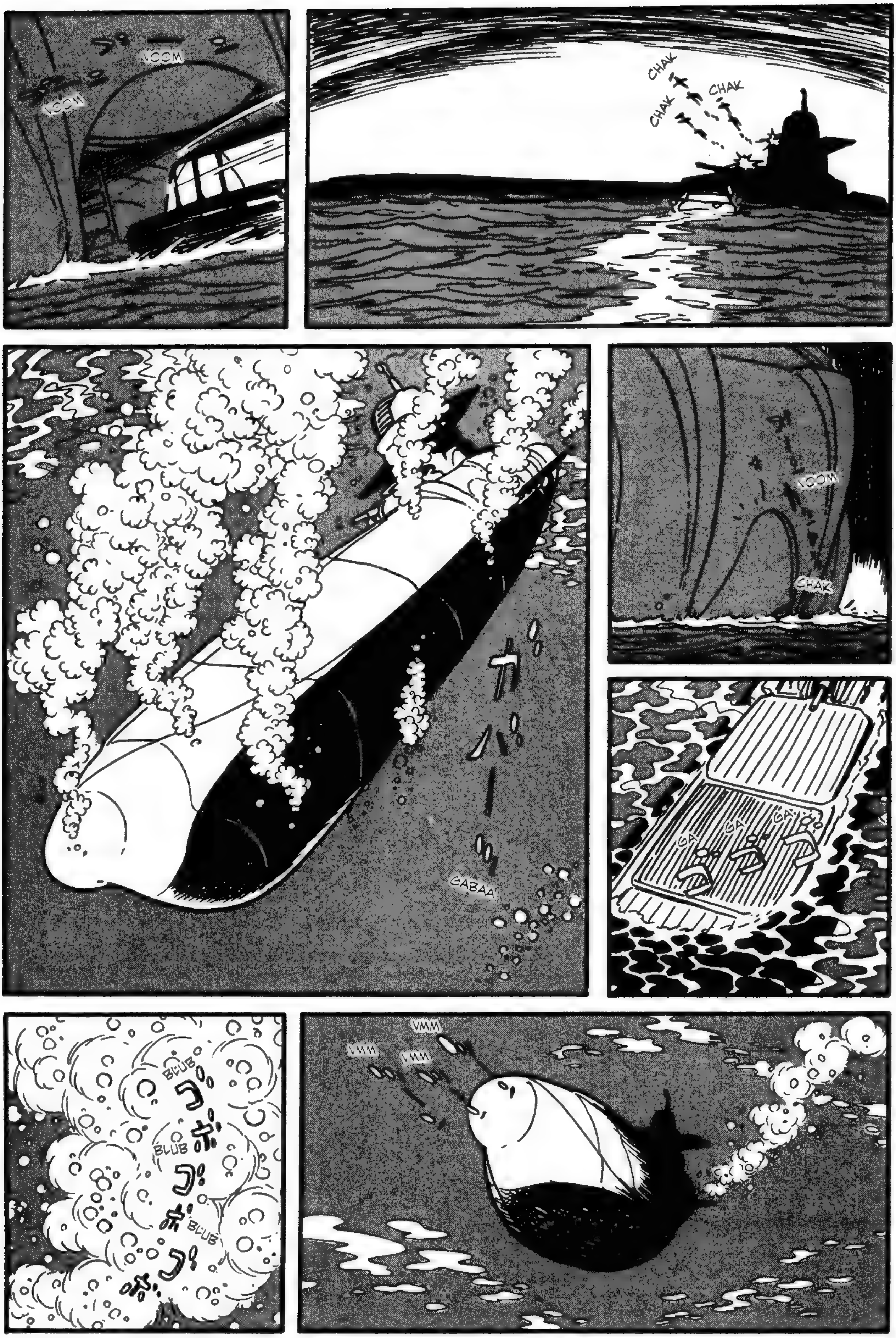

WE GOT MOST OF 'EM...
...BUT FIVE OR SIX ARE STILL OUT THERE.
BE CAREFUL, SIR.
VRRM
THANKS. GOOD LUCK, MEN.
VROM
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
WE CAN GRAB ONE OF THE RUNAWAYS.
LET'S SEE IF THIS WORKS.
CHAK
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


I THINK I'M GOING TO GO LAY LOW IN TOKYO.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, JOE?
WHAT? YEAH. TOKYO SOUNDS GOOD.
THERE THEY ARE.
LET'S GO.
ANYWHERE BUT HERE IS FINE WITH ME.
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE OUT THERE FOR ME.
NO PARENTS?
NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS?
NOPE. I'M ALL ALONE.
ROLLED RIGHT OUT OF THE ORPHANAGE AND STRAIGHT INTO JUVEY.
BZZZ
CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT MY FOLKS LOOKED LIKE.
BZZZ
SLAM
WHAT?


THEY FOUND US!
RUN!
NO!
GUN!
PSSH
GASP...
FWW
UHH-HHH...
GUHH ...
UHH ...
SLUMP


LOAD HIM UP.
SO, WHICH ONE?
I DON'T CARE. THIS ONE.
ガシャッ
GACHAK
SLAM
バタン!
VRRRM
ブルルルル
ZOOM
ギュ――


Splash!
BLUB
ブク
BLUB
ブクブク
ザッ
SPSS
ザ ZA
ザ ZA
ザ ZA


VOOM
VOOM
CHAK
CHAK
CHAK
CHAK
ガバーッ
GABAA
VOOM
CHAK
GA
GA
GA
BLUB
ゴボ
BLUB
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BLUB
ゴボ
VMM
VMM
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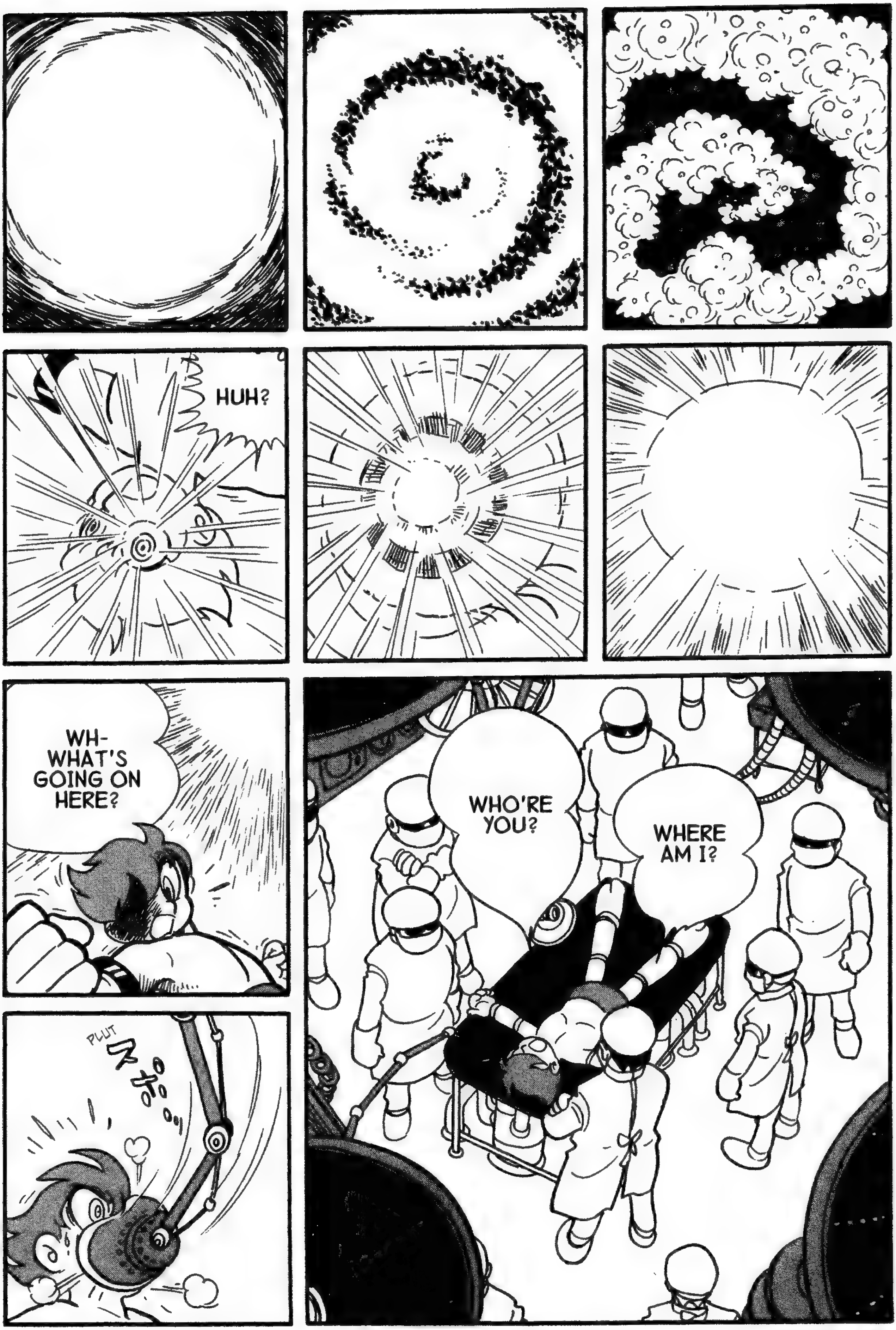
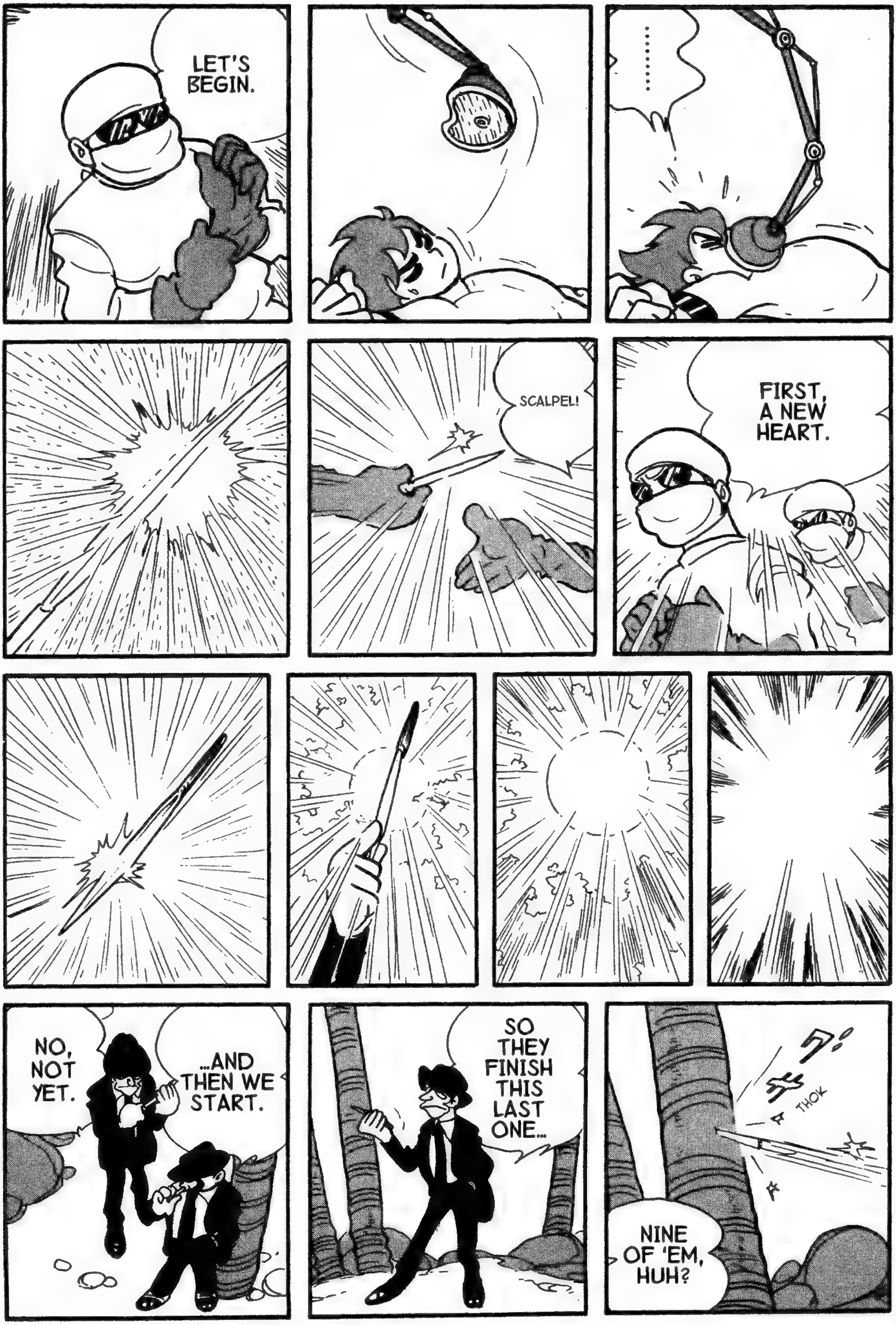
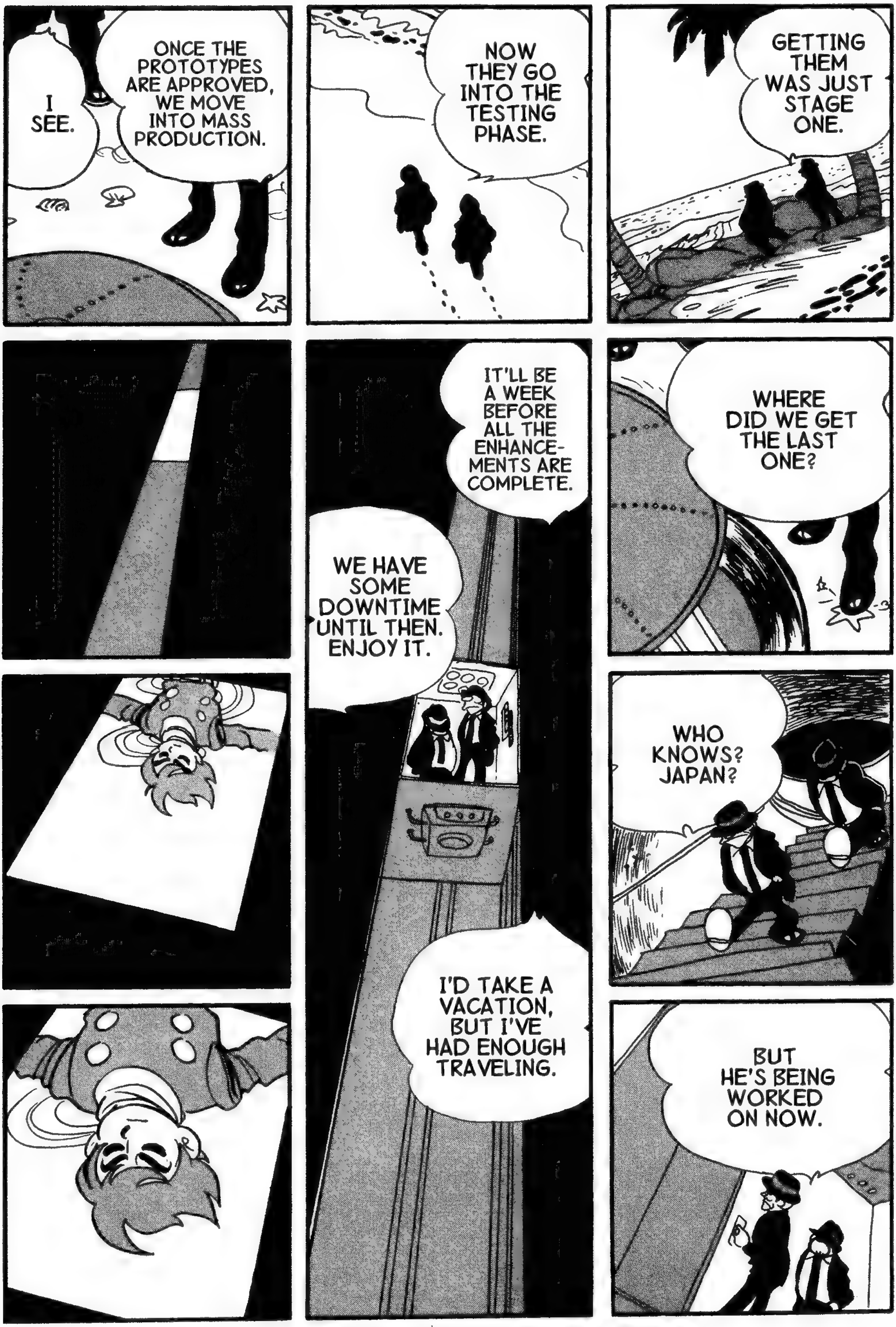
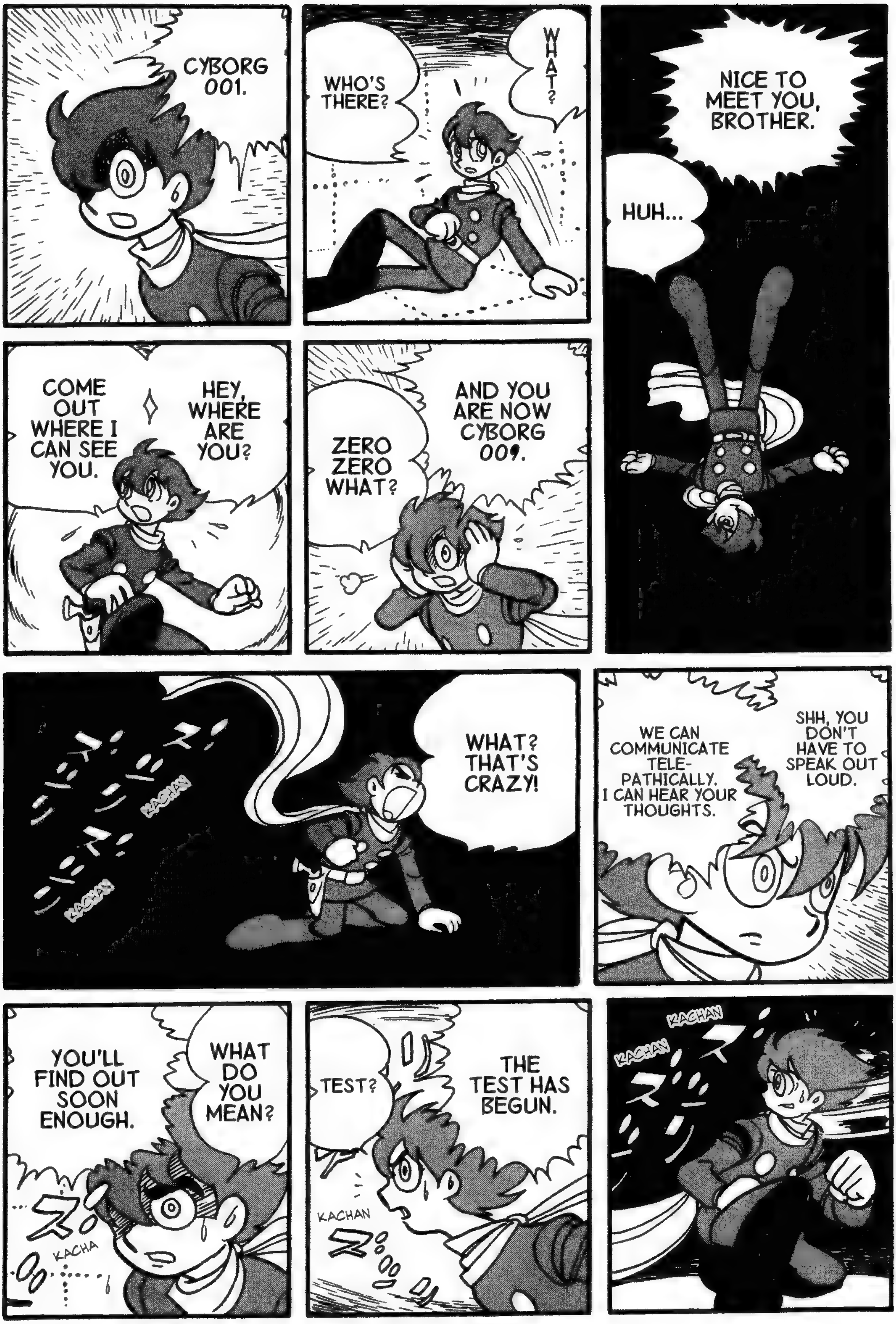
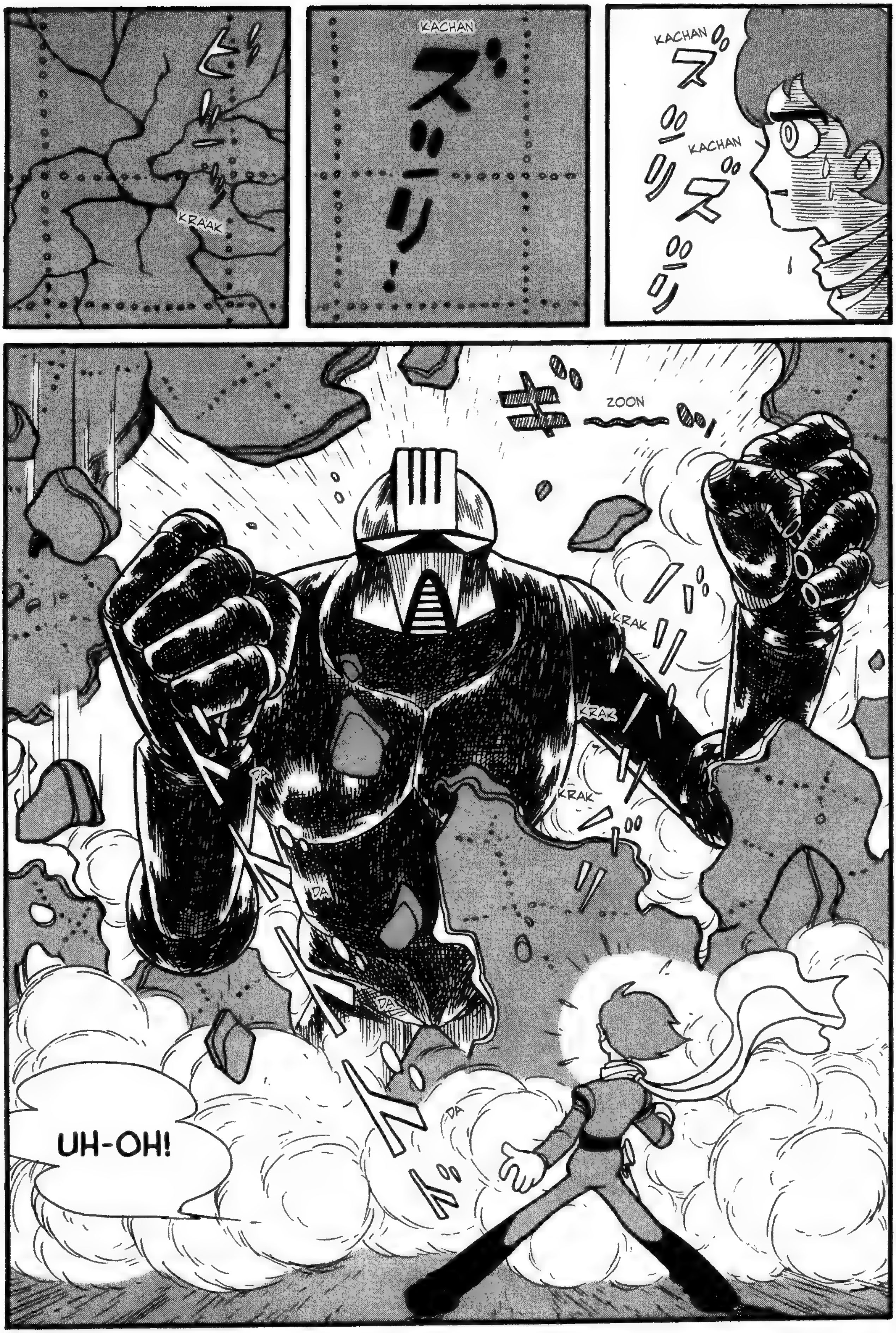

HUH?
WH- WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
PLUT
WHO'RE YOU?
WHERE AM I?


LET'S BEGIN.
....
SCALPEL!
FIRST, A NEW HEART.
NO, NOT YET.
...AND THEN WE START.
SO THEY FINISH THIS LAST ONE...
THOK
NINE OF 'EM, HUH?


I SEE.
ONCE THE PROTOTYPES ARE APPROVED, WE MOVE INTO MASS PRODUCTION.
NOW THEY GO INTO THE TESTING PHASE.
GETTING THEM WAS JUST STAGE ONE.
IT'LL BE A WEEK BEFORE ALL THE ENHANCEMENTS ARE COMPLETE.
WE HAVE SOME DOWNTIME UNTIL THEN. ENJOY IT.
I'D TAKE A VACATION, BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH TRAVELING.
WHERE DID WE GET THE LAST ONE?
WHO KNOWS? JAPAN?
BUT HE'S BEING WORKED ON NOW.


CYBORG 001.
WHAT?
WHO'S THERE?
NICE TO MEET YOU, BROTHER.
HUH...
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU?
COME OUT WHERE I CAN SEE YOU.
AND YOU ARE NOW CYBORG 009.
ZERO ZERO WHAT?
WHAT? THAT'S CRAZY!
KACHAN
KACHAN
SHH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK OUT LOUD.
WE CAN COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY. I CAN HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
KACHA
THE TEST HAS BEGUN.
TEST?
KACHAN
KACHAN
KACHAN

KACHAN
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KACHAN
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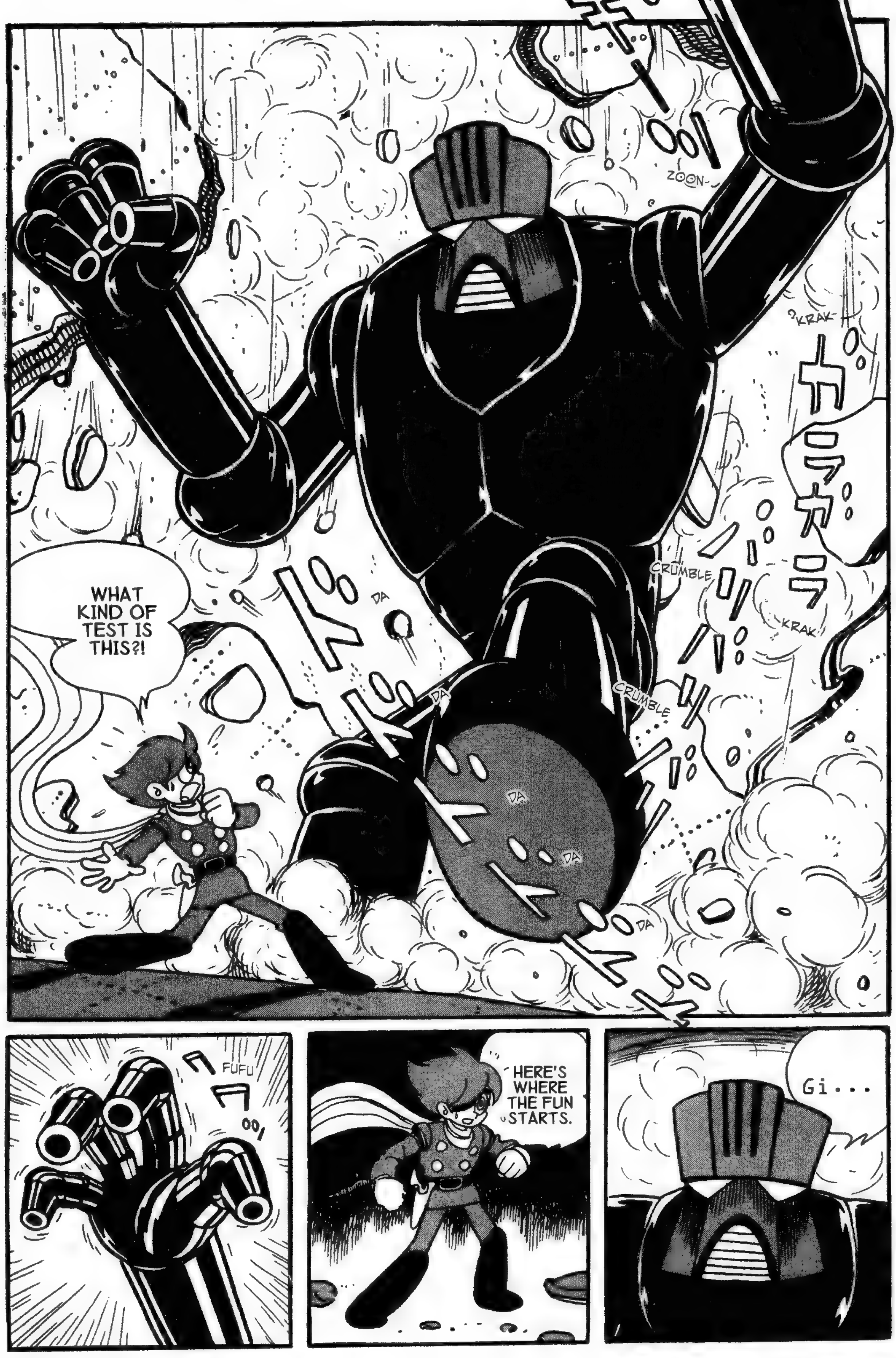
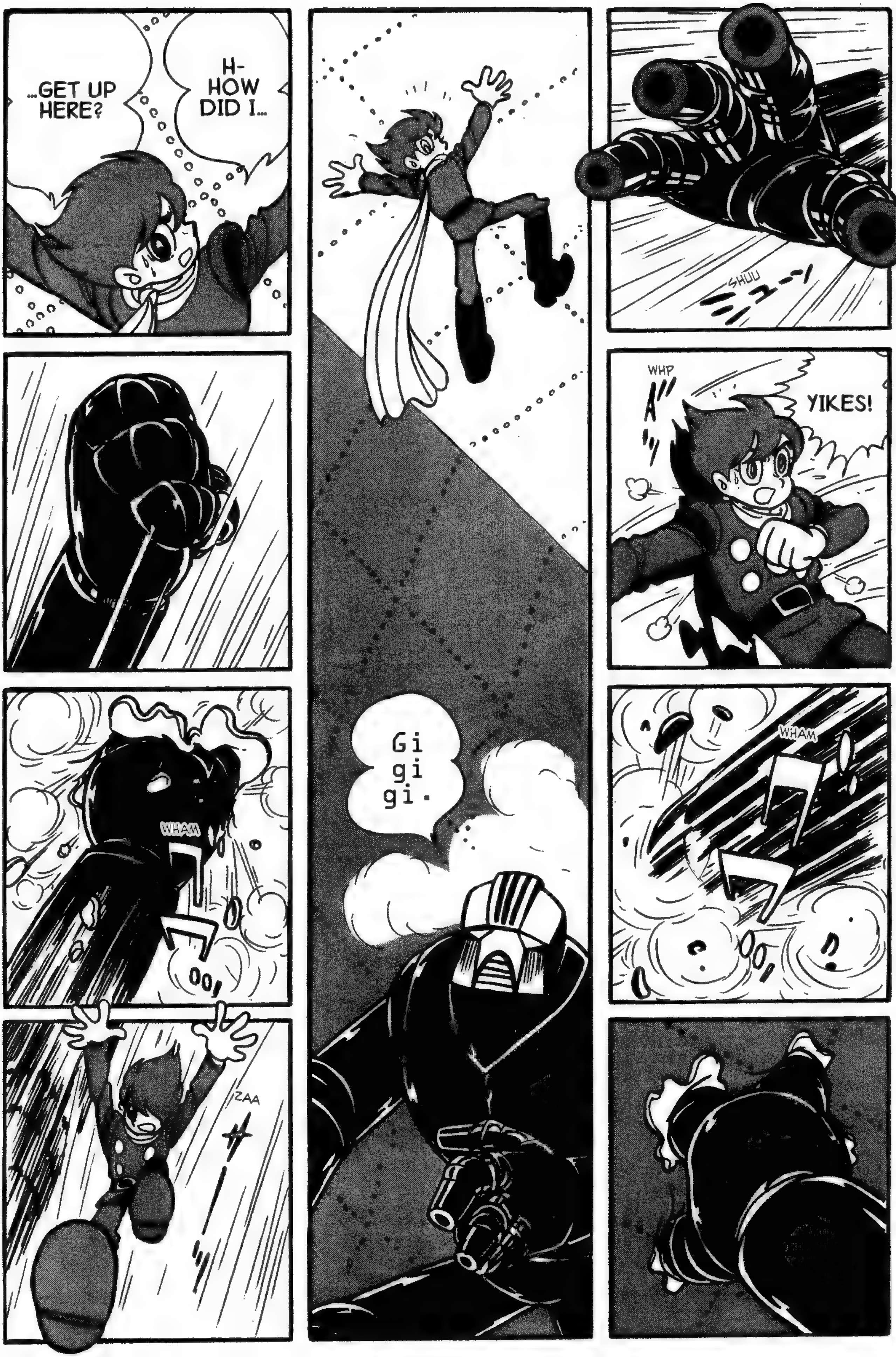
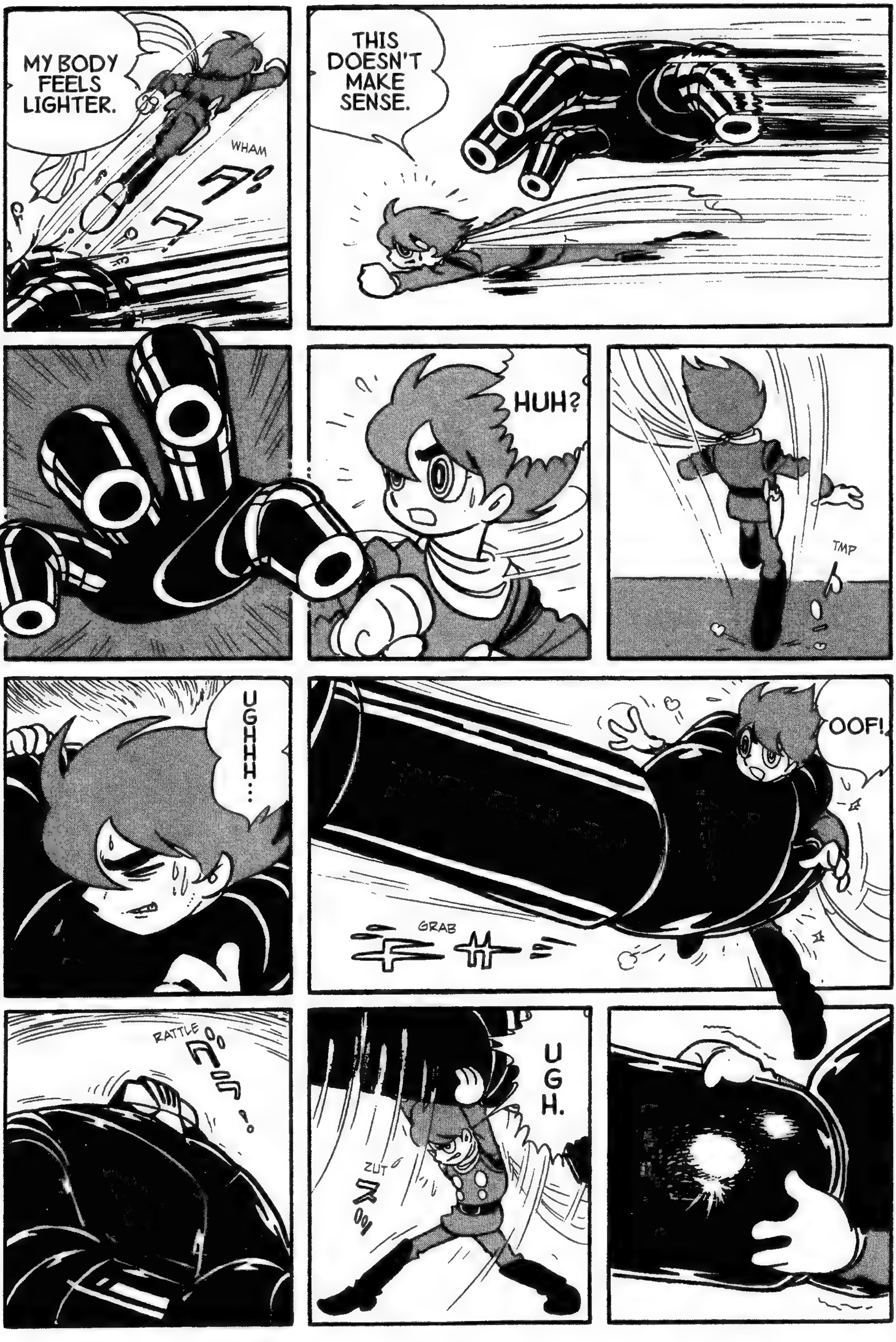
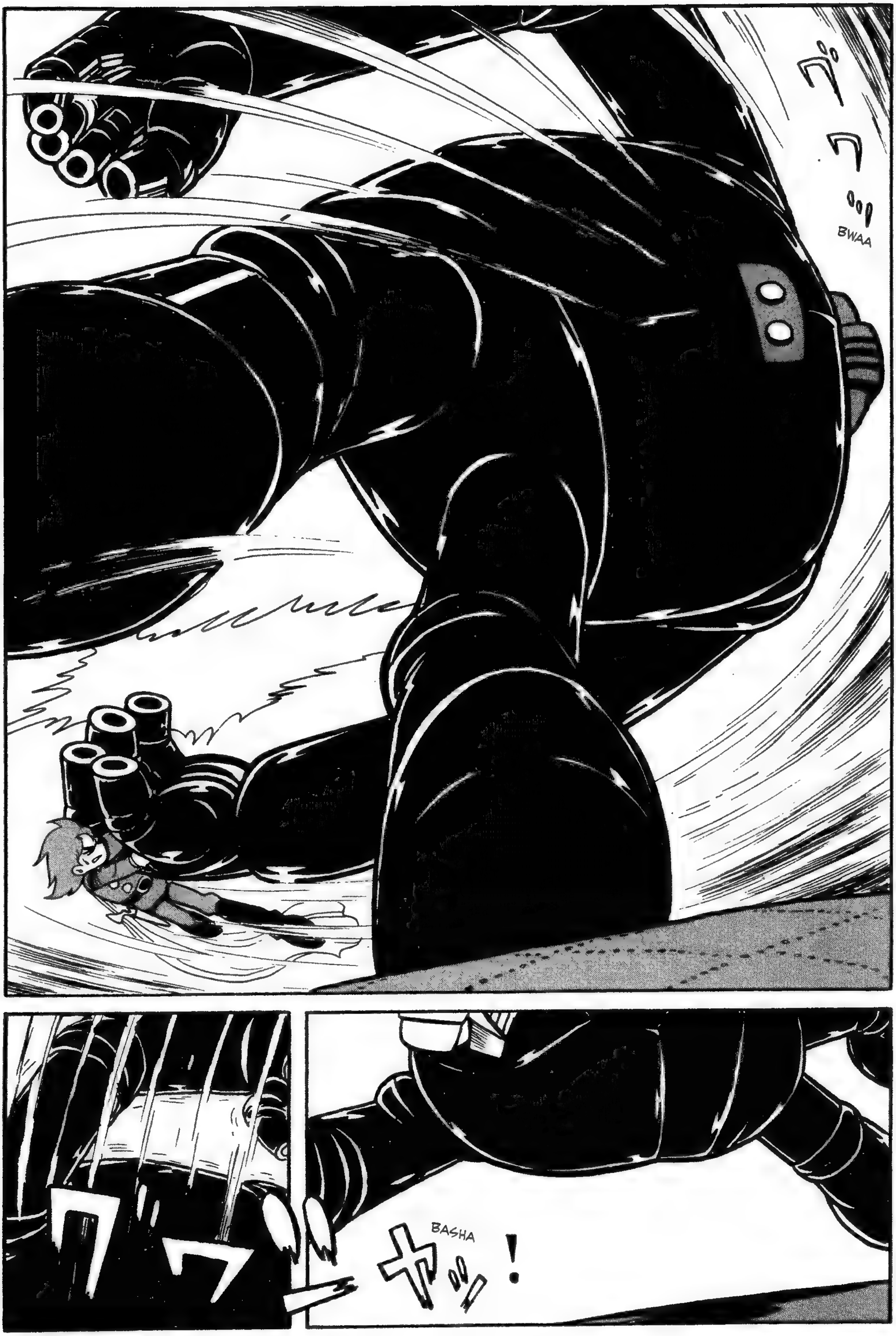
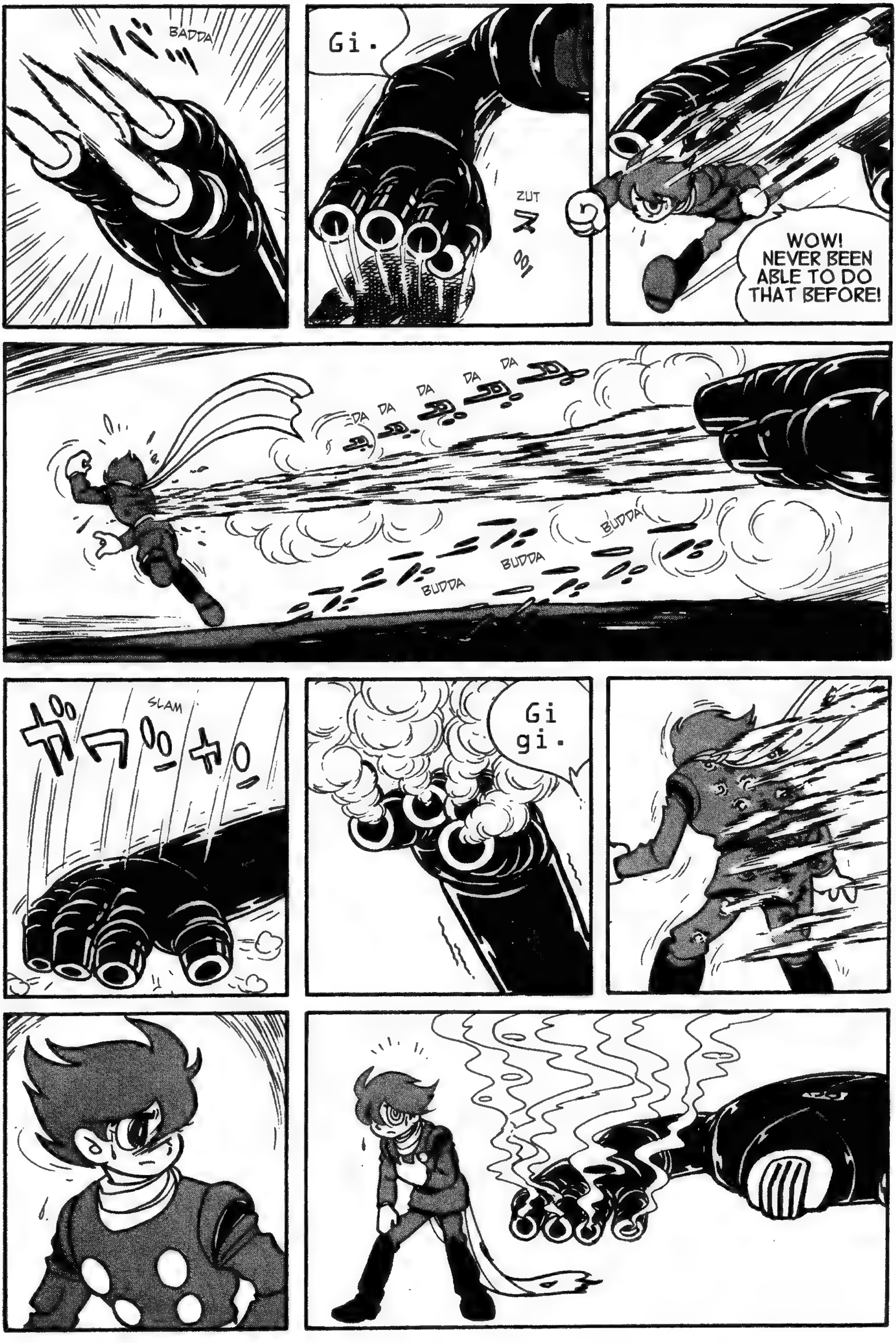
KACHAN
ズッーリ！
ビシーッ
KRAAK
ギギ〜
ZOON
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
DA
DA
DA
DA
UH-OH!

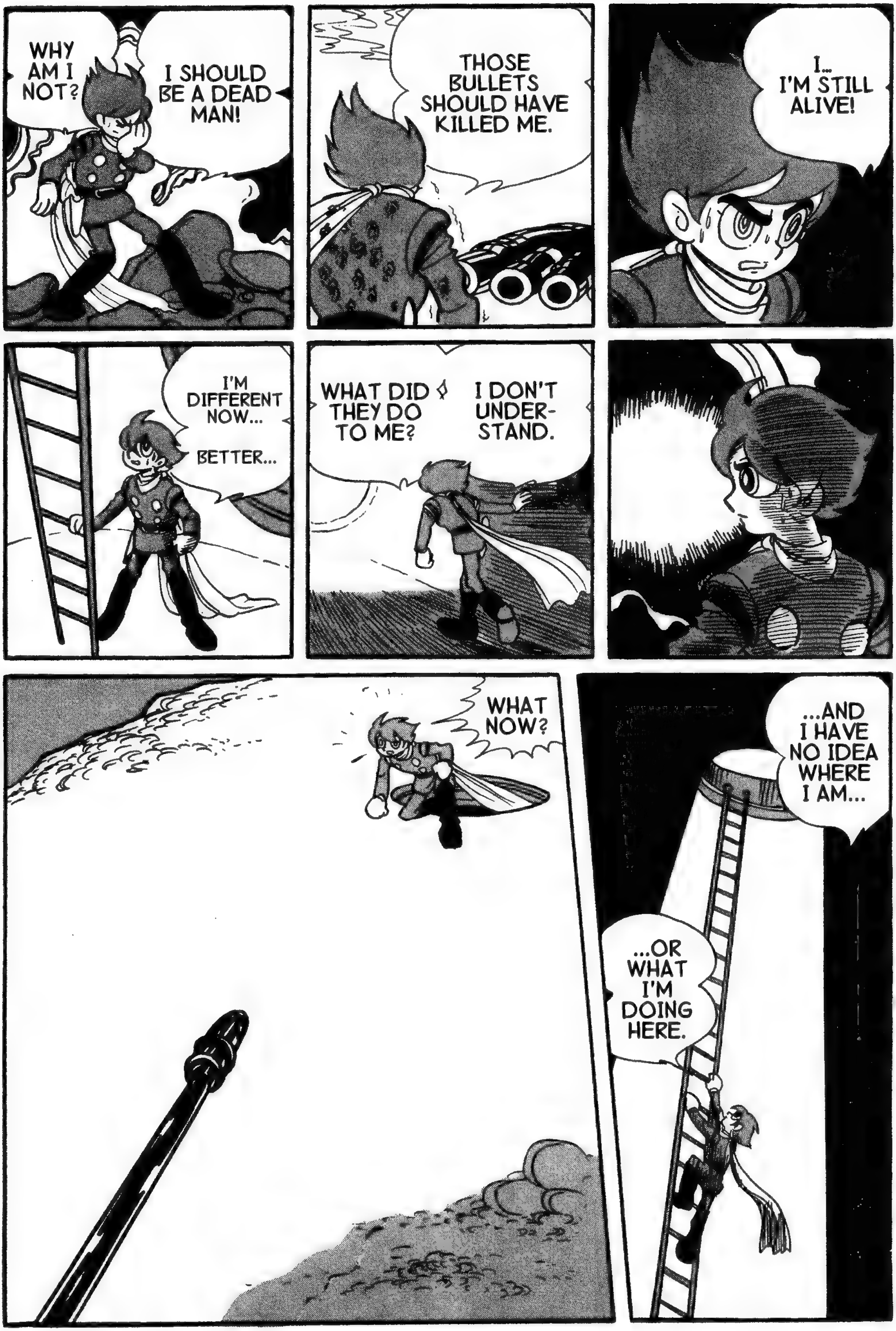

ZOON
KRAK
ガラガラ
KRAK
CRUMBLE
バリバリ
CRUMBLE
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
WHAT KIND OF TEST IS THIS?!
FUFU
フフ
HERE'S WHERE THE FUN STARTS.
Gi...

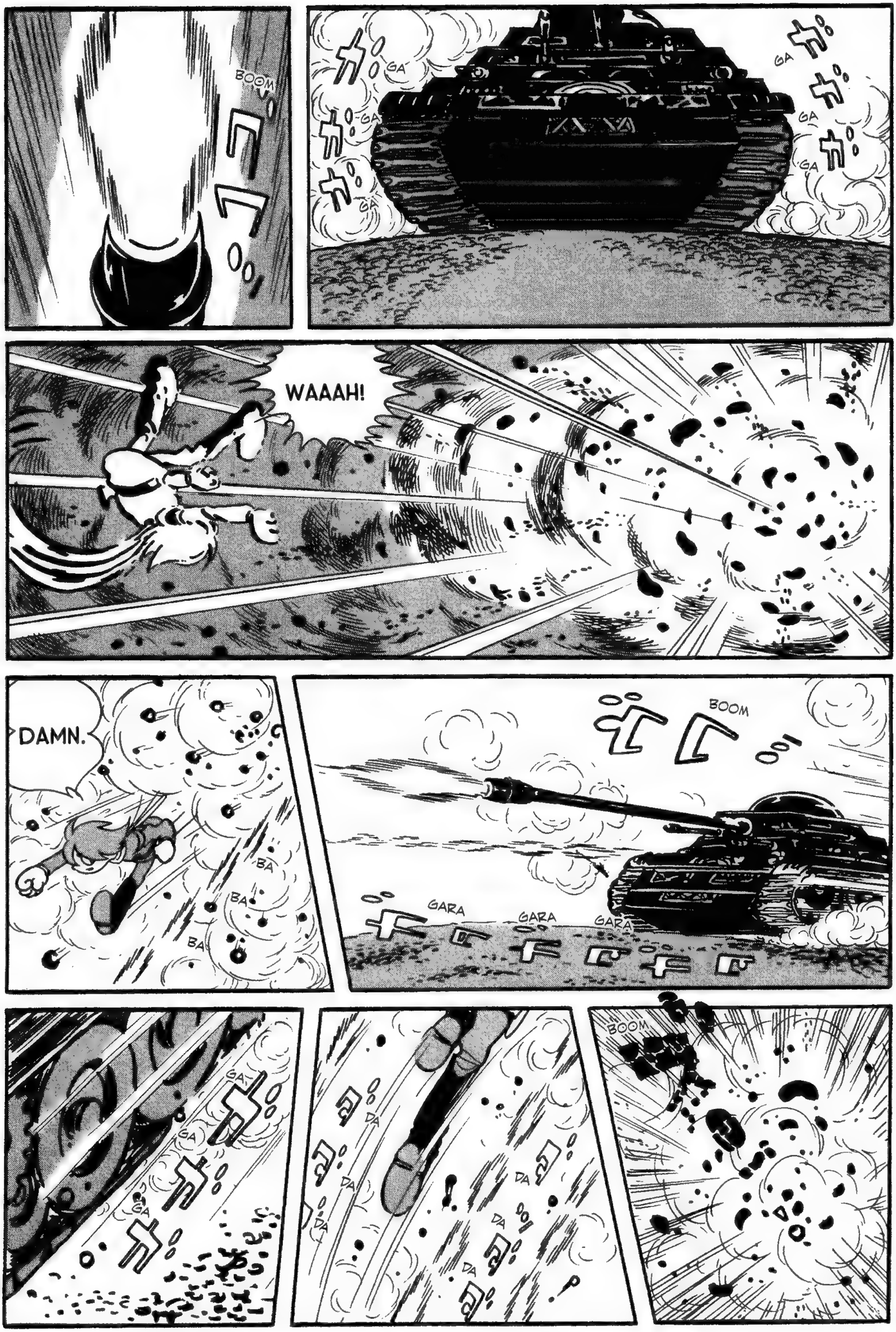

SHUU
H- HOW DID I...
...GET UP HERE?
WHP
YIKES!
WHAM
Gi gi gi.
WHAM
ZAA

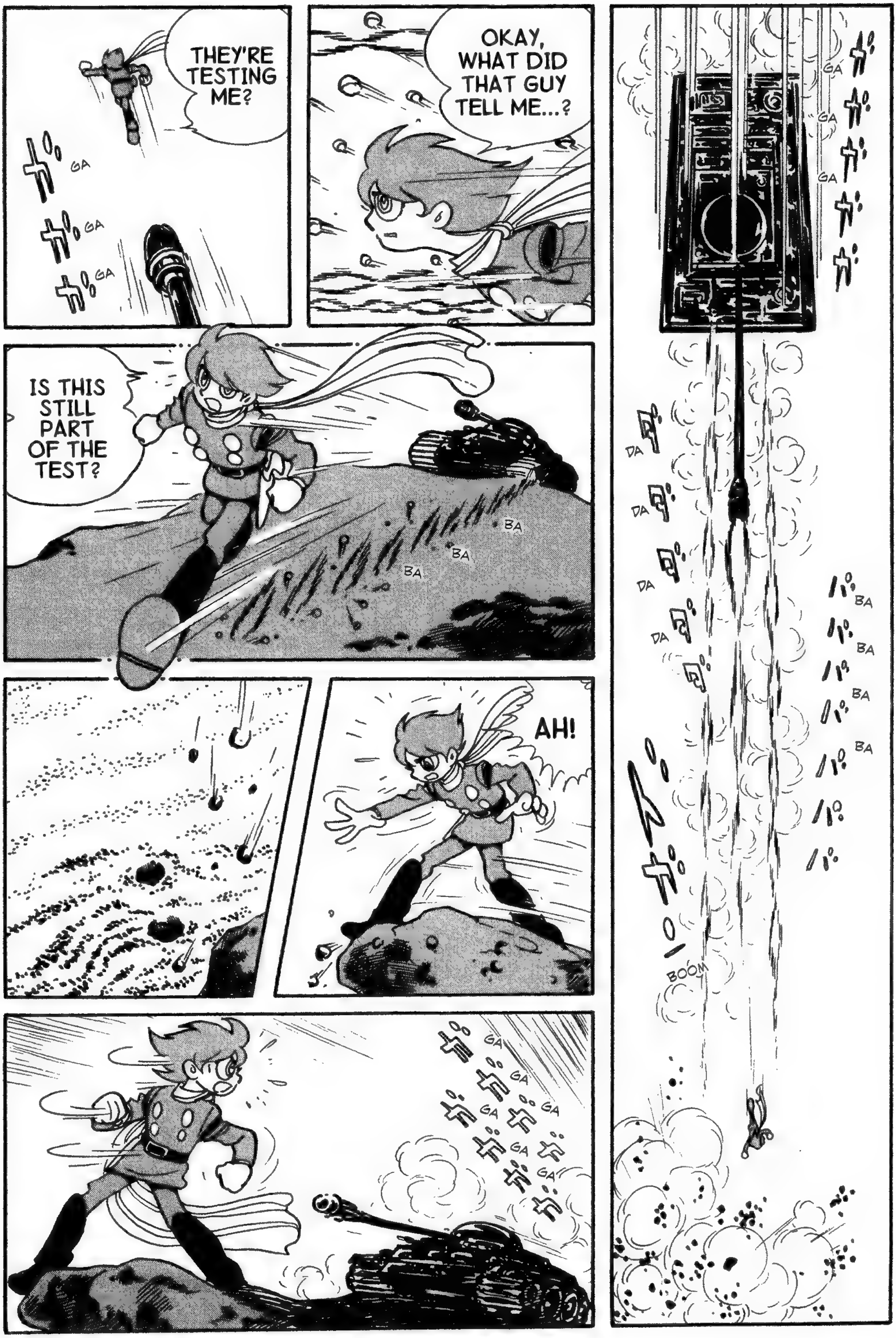

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
MY BODY FEELS LIGHTER.
WHAM
TMP
HUH?
OOF!
GRAB
UGHHH...
UGH.
ZUT
RATTLE

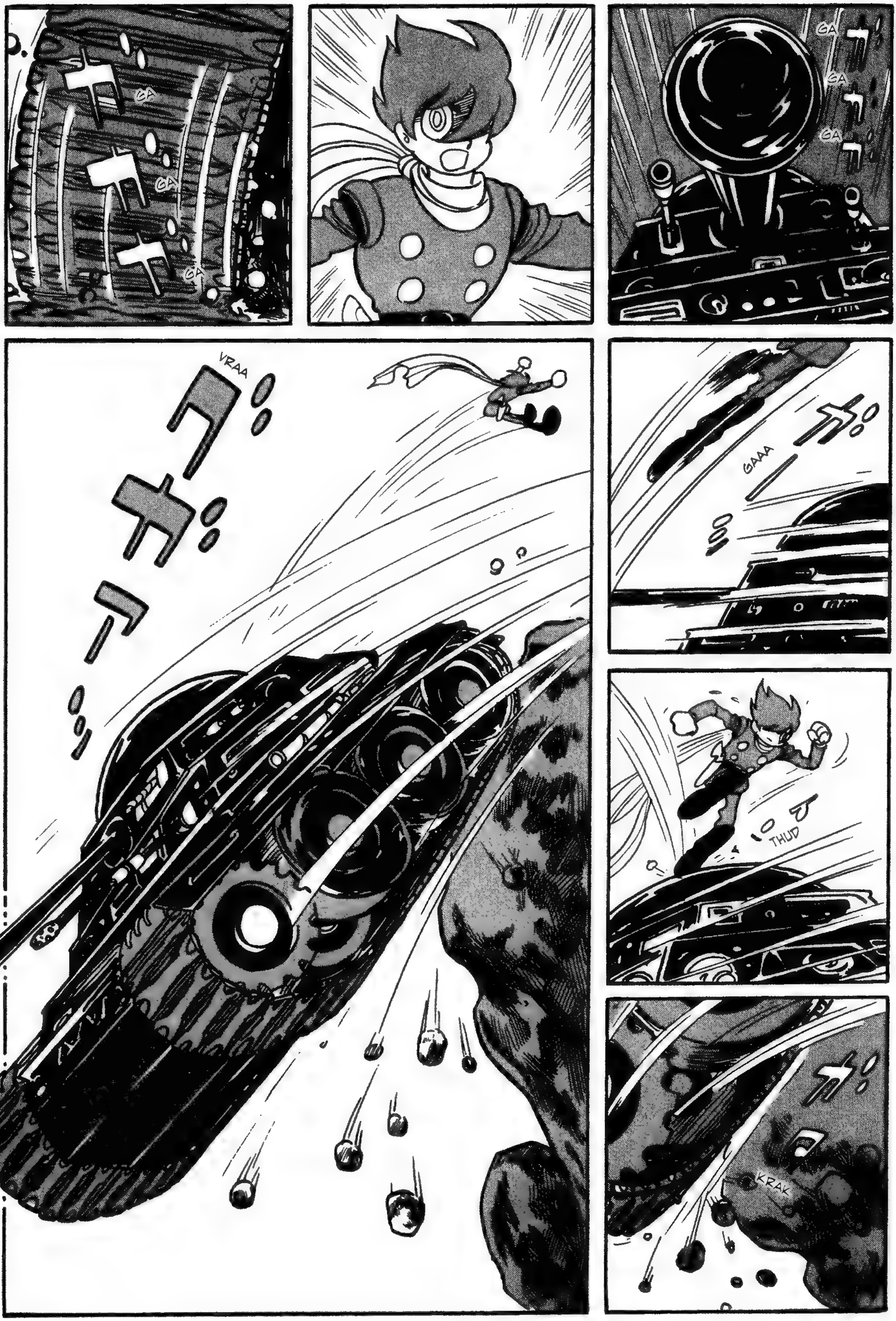

ゴワッ!
BWAA
バシャッ!
BASHA
ワワ


BADDA
Gi.
ZUT
WOW! NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT BEFORE!
DA DA DA DA DA
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
SLAM
Gi gi.


I... I'M STILL ALIVE!
THOSE BULLETS SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME.
I SHOULD BE A DEAD MAN!
WHY AM I NOT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WHAT DID THEY DO TO ME?
I'M DIFFERENT NOW... BETTER...
...AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I AM...
...OR WHAT I'M DOING HERE.
WHAT NOW?


GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
BOOM
WAAAH!
BOOM
GARA
GARA
GARA
DAMN.
BA
BA
BA
BOOM
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
GA
GA
GA


THEY'RE TESTING ME?
GA
GA
GA
OKAY, WHAT DID THAT GUY TELL ME...?
GA
GA
GA
DA
DA
DA
DA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BOOM
IS THIS STILL PART OF THE TEST?
BA
BA
BA
AH!
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA


ガ GA
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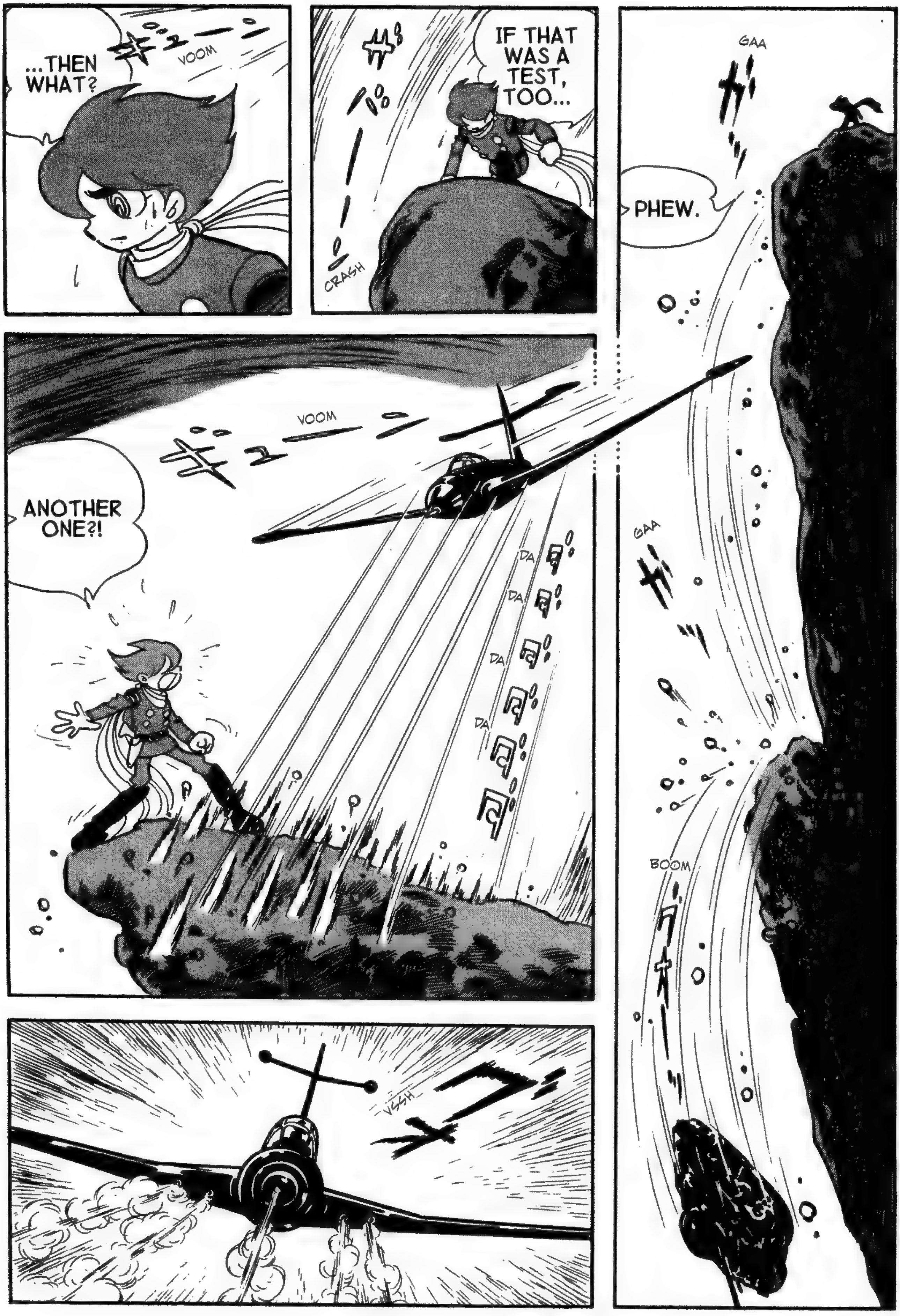
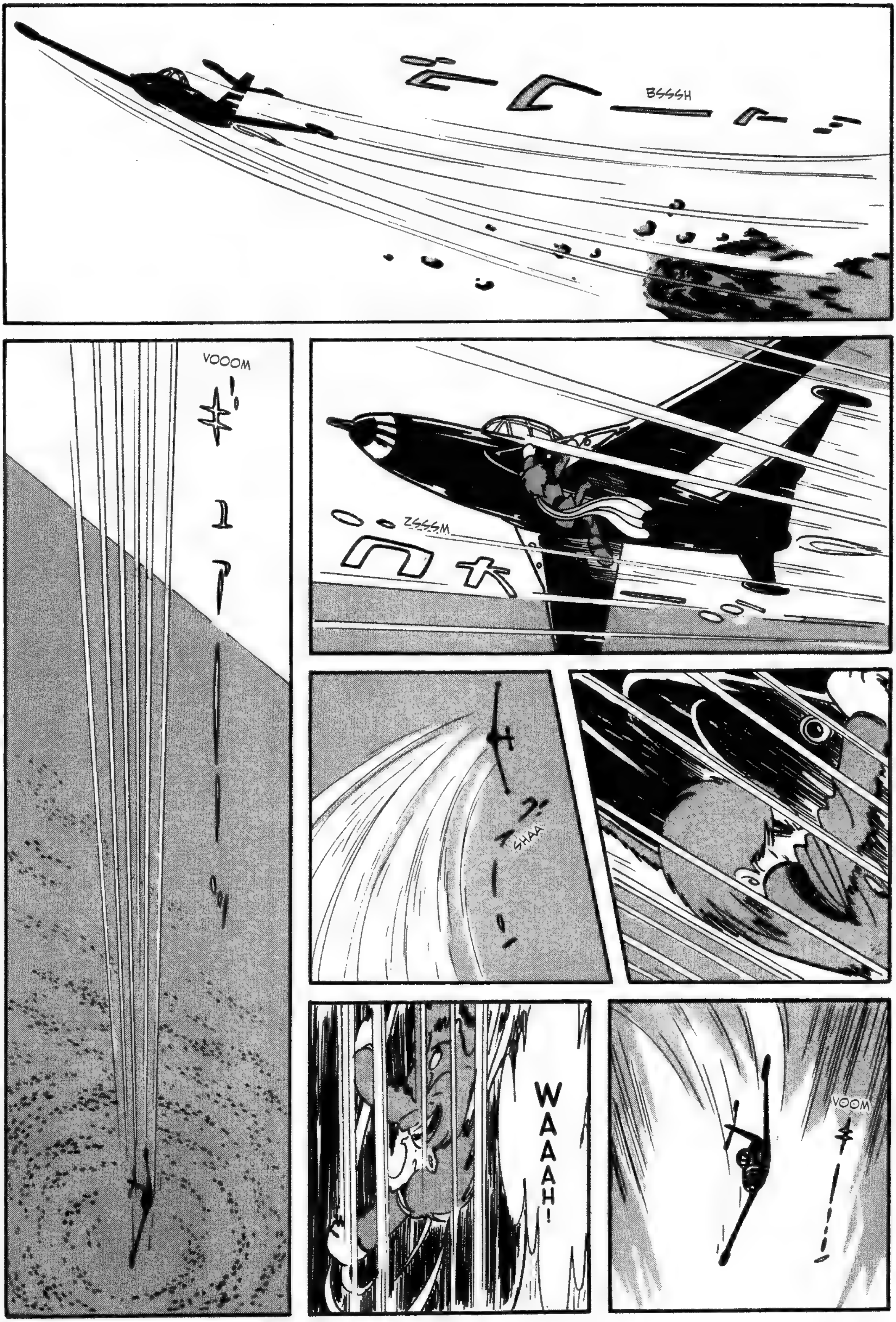
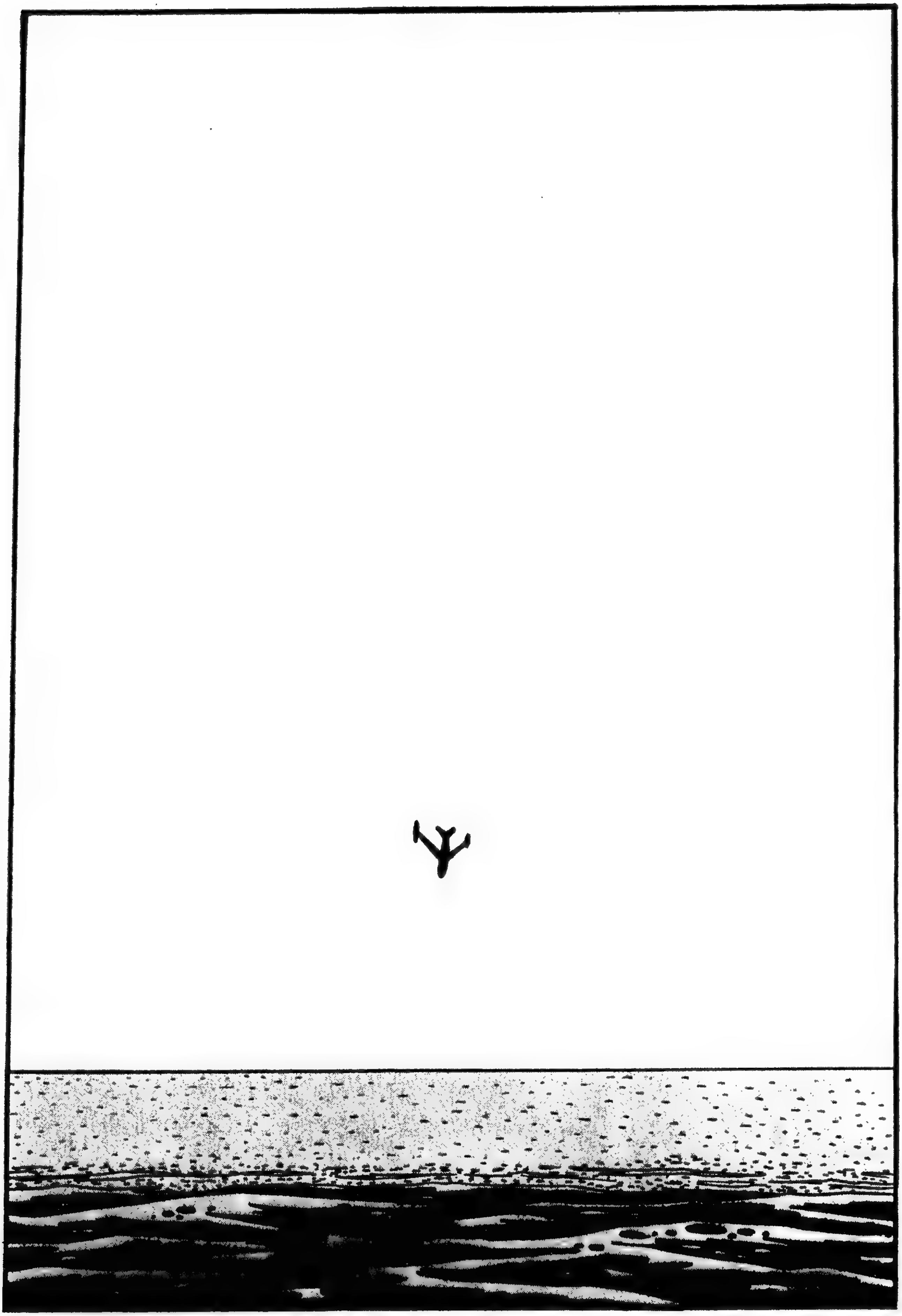
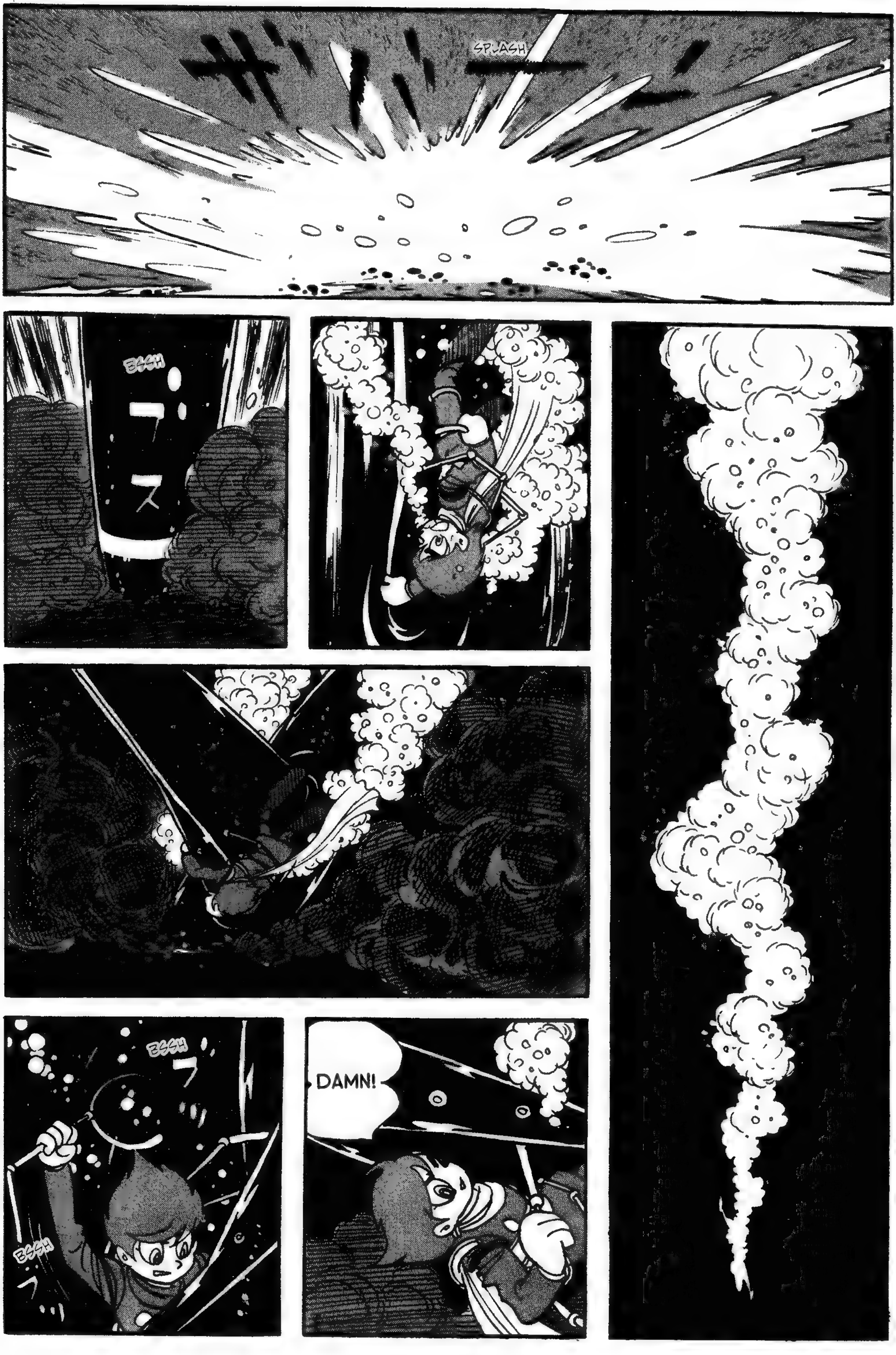
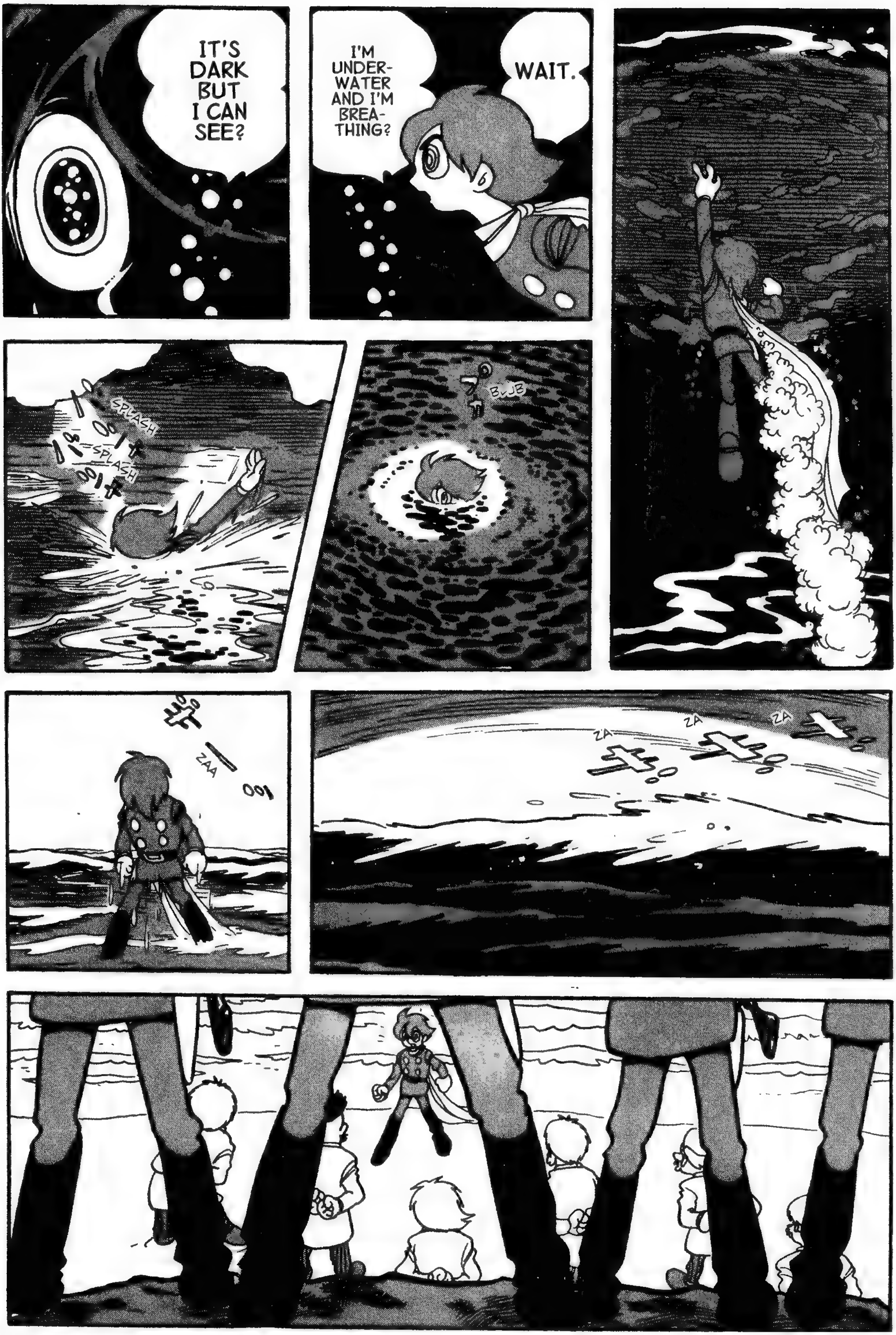
VRAA
GAAA ガッ
THUD
ガ KRAK

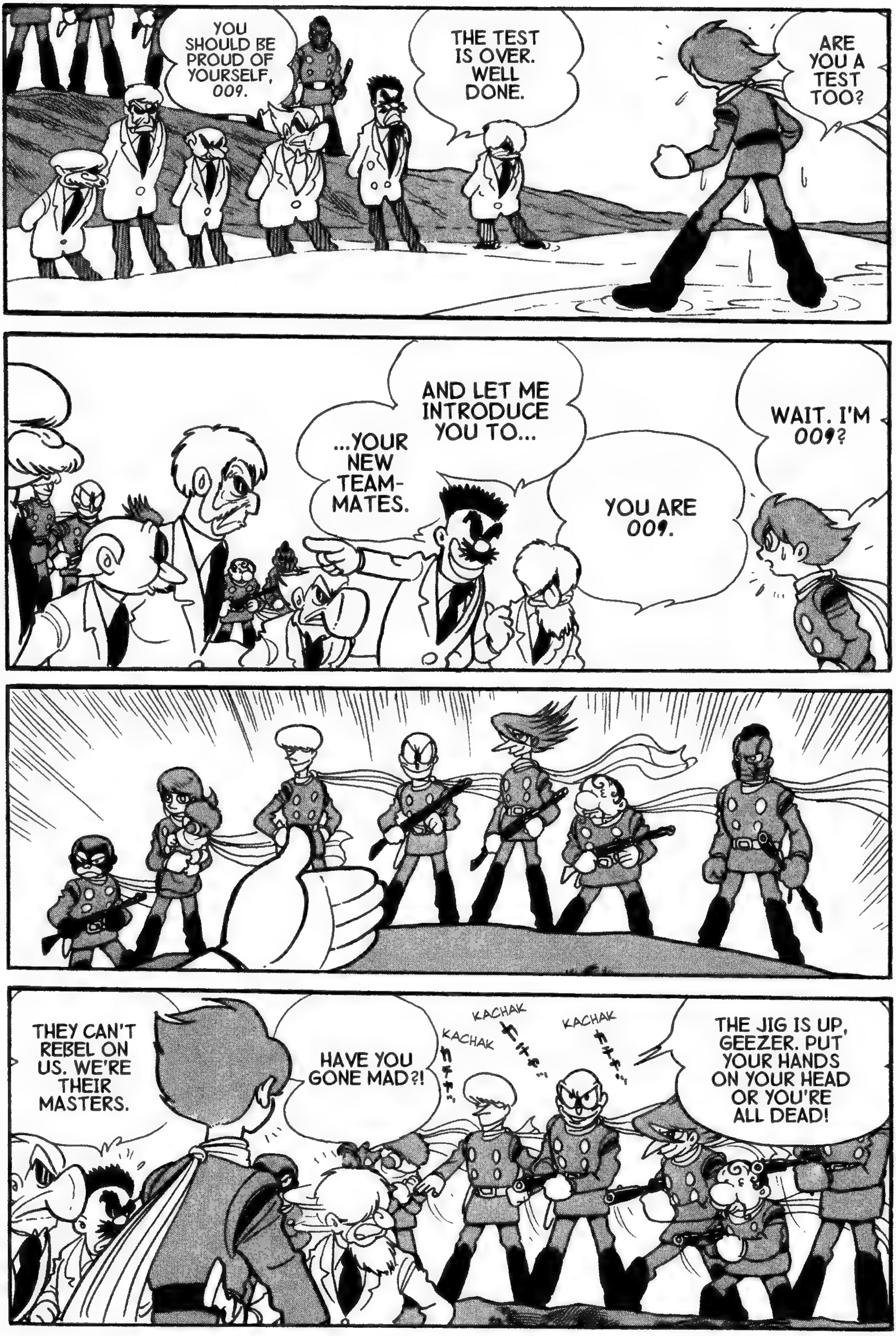

...THEN WHAT?
VOOM
IF THAT WAS A TEST, TOO...
CRASH
GAA
PHEW.
GAA
BOOM
VOOM
ANOTHER ONE?!
DA
DA
DA
DA
VSSH


BSSSH
ZSSSM
SHAA
VOOM
WAAAAH!
VOOOM

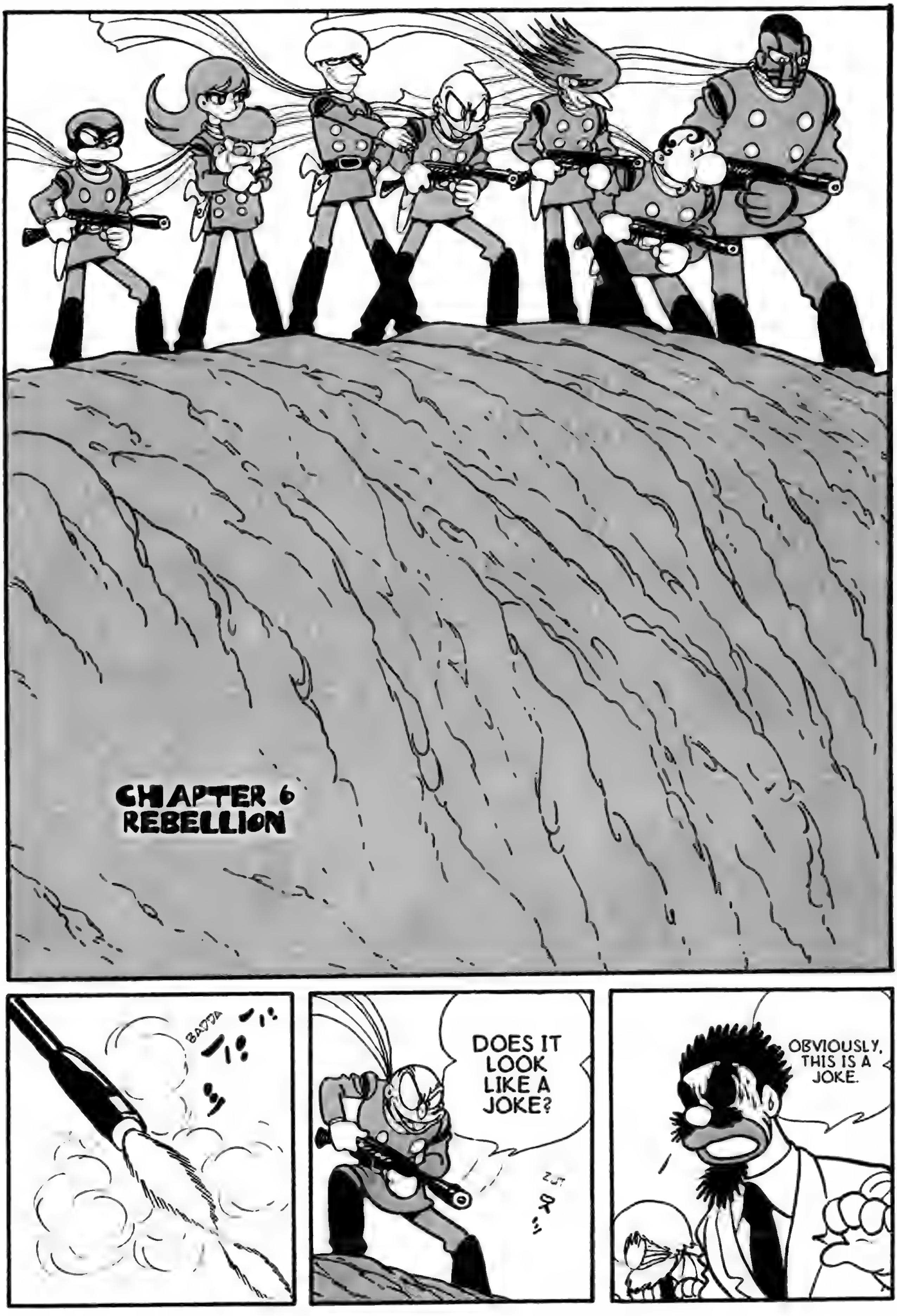


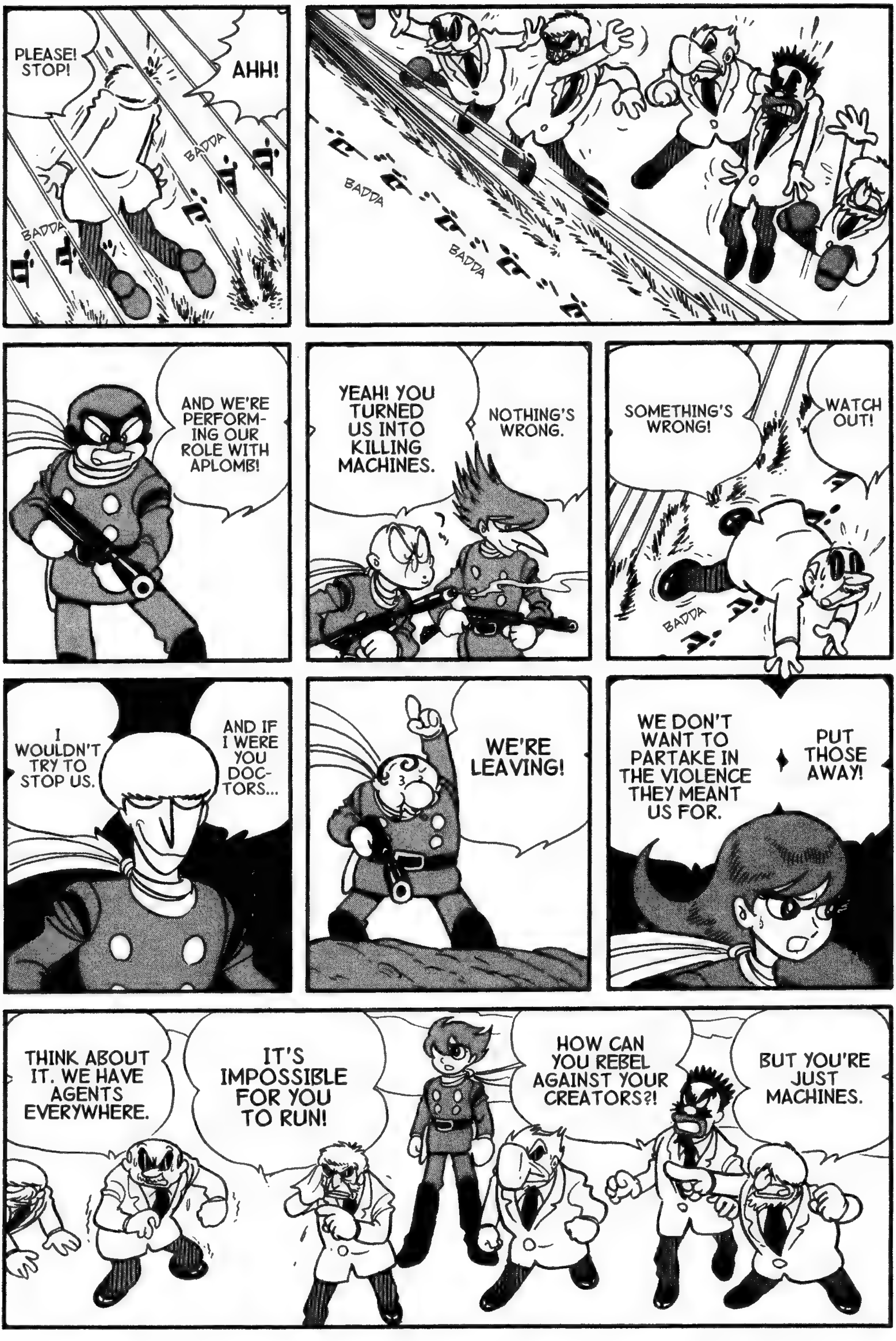

ザバーン
SPLASH
BSSH
ブス
DAMN!
BSSH
ブ
BSSH
ブ

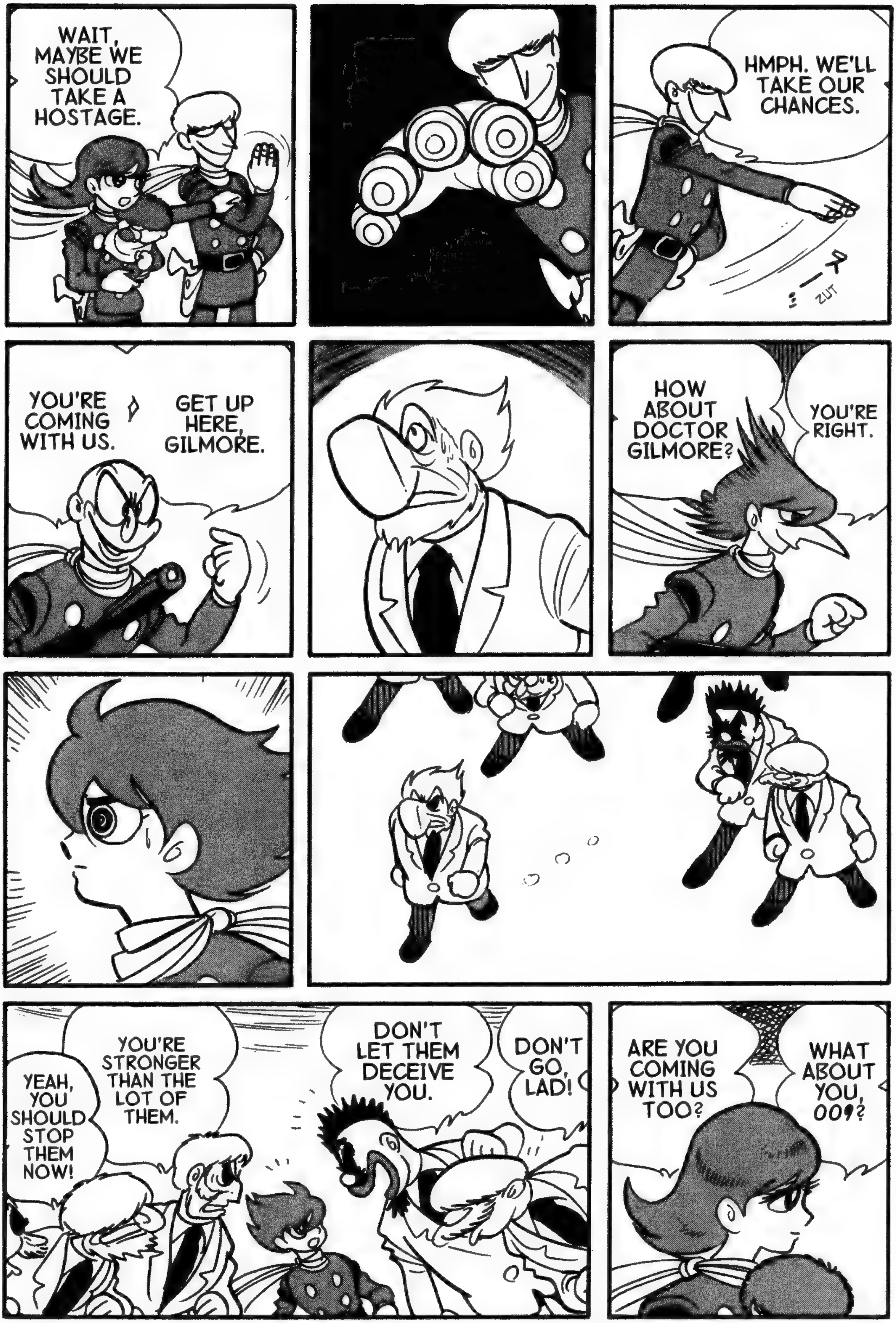

IT'S DARK BUT I CAN SEE?
I'M UNDERWATER AND I'M BREATHING?
WAIT.
SPLASH
SPLASH
BUB
ZAA
ZA
ZA
ZA

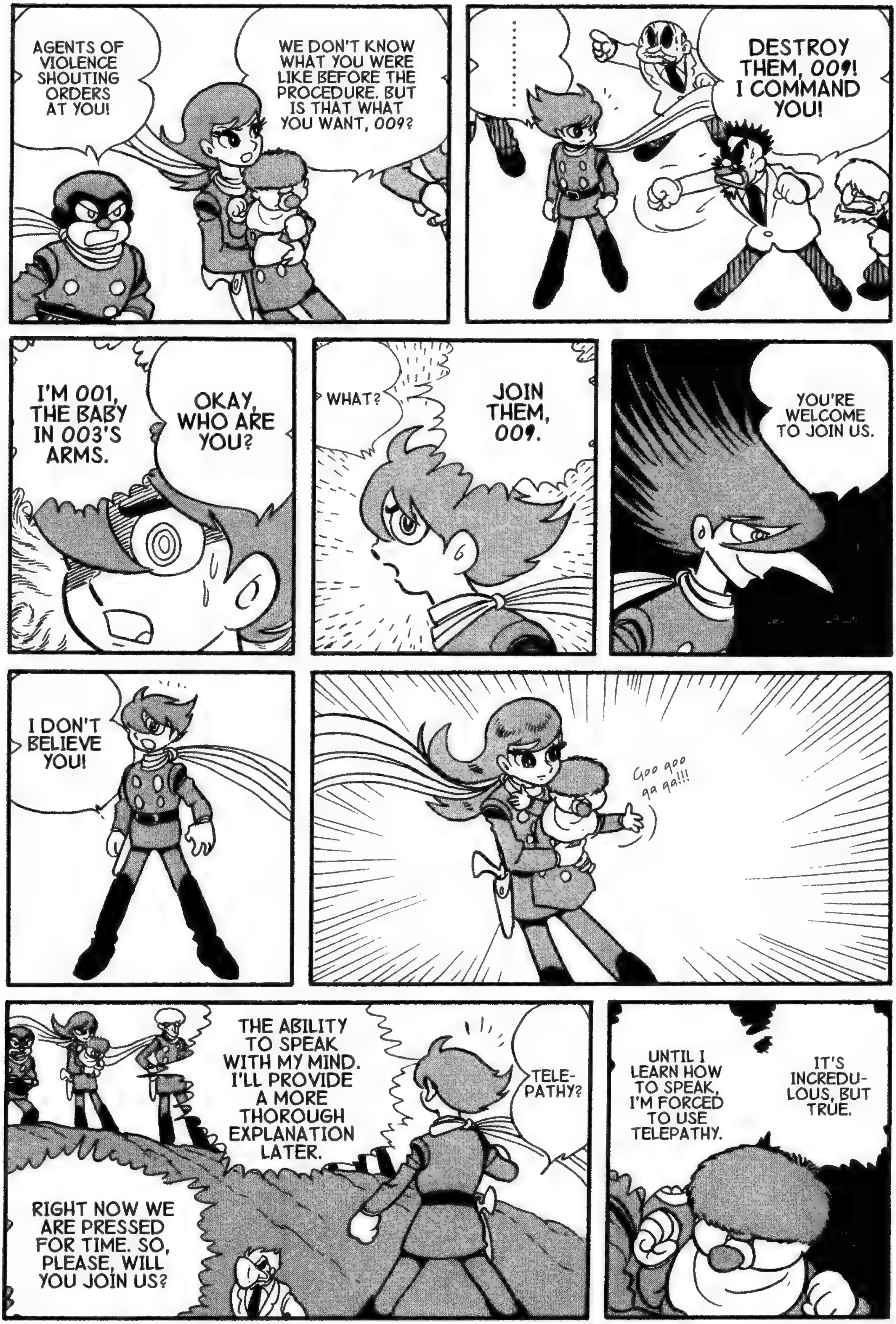

ARE YOU A TEST TOO?
THE TEST IS OVER. WELL DONE.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF, 009.
WAIT. I'M 009?
YOU ARE 009.
AND LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO...
...YOUR NEW TEAM-MATES.
THE JIG IS UP, GEEZER. PUT YOUR HANDS ON YOUR HEAD OR YOU'RE ALL DEAD!
KACHAK
カチャ…
KACHAK
カチャ…
KACHAK
カチャ…
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
THEY CAN'T REBEL ON US. WE'RE THEIR MASTERS.

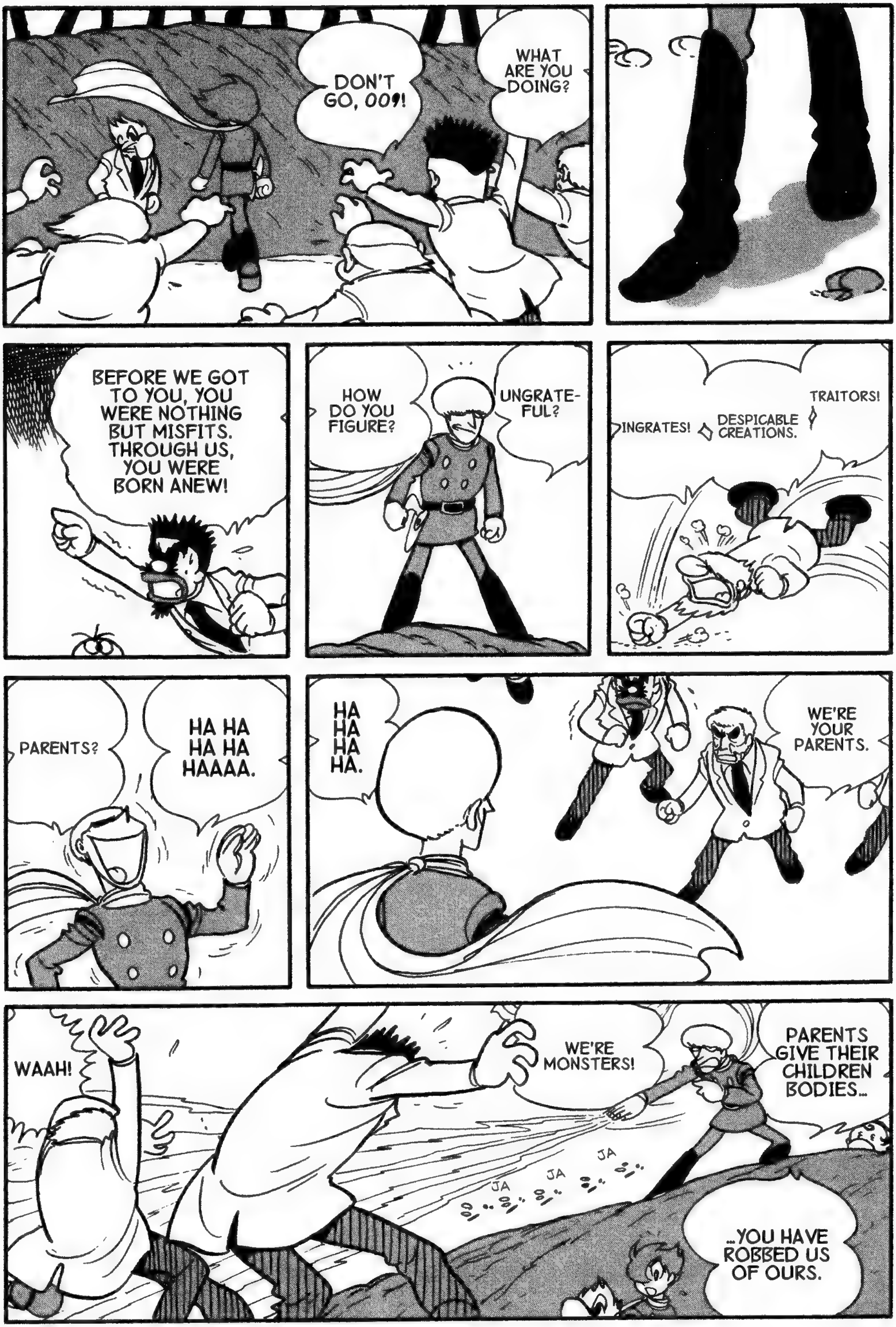
CHAPTER 6
REBELLION

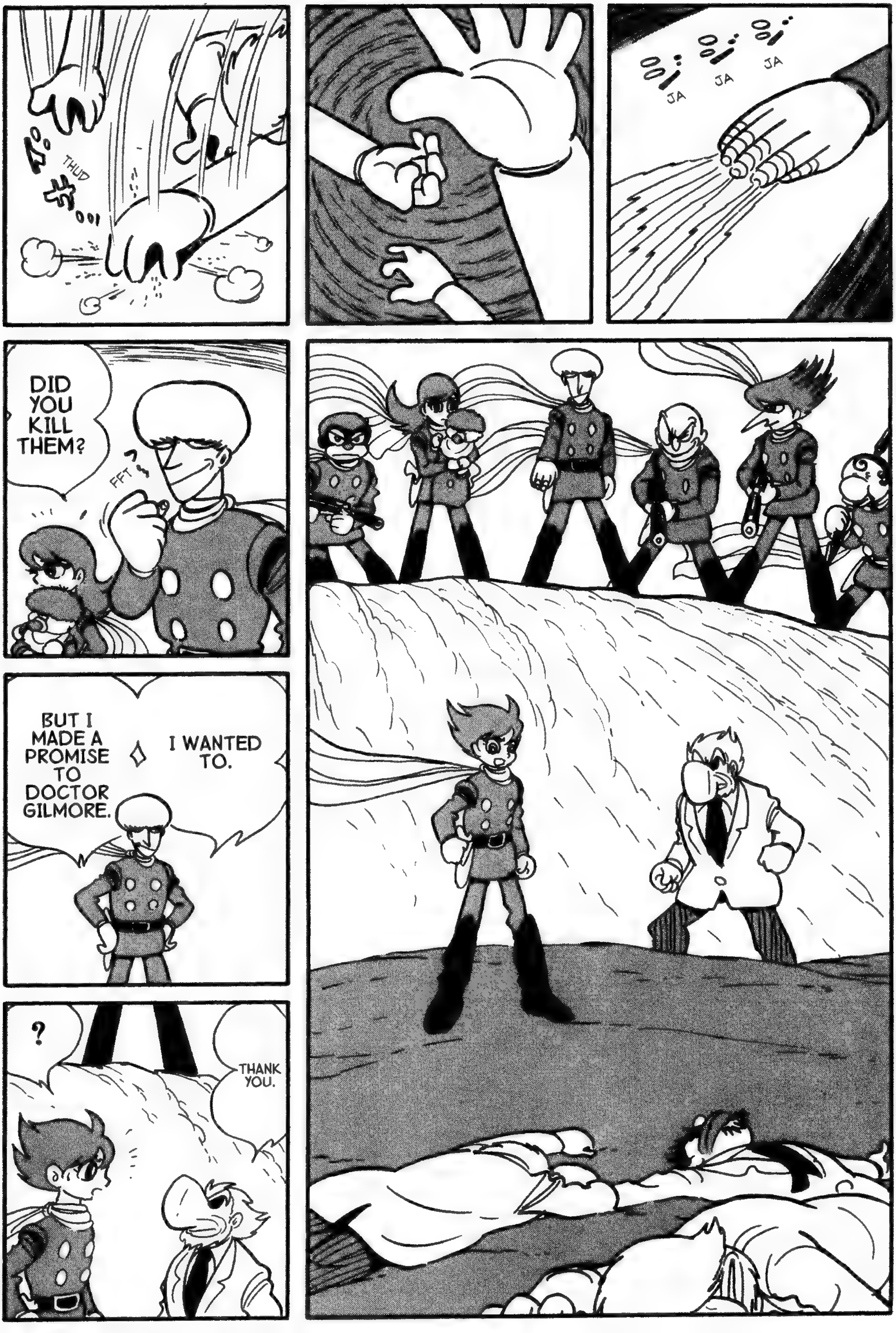

BAJJA
DOES IT LOOK LIKE A JOKE?
OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A JOKE.

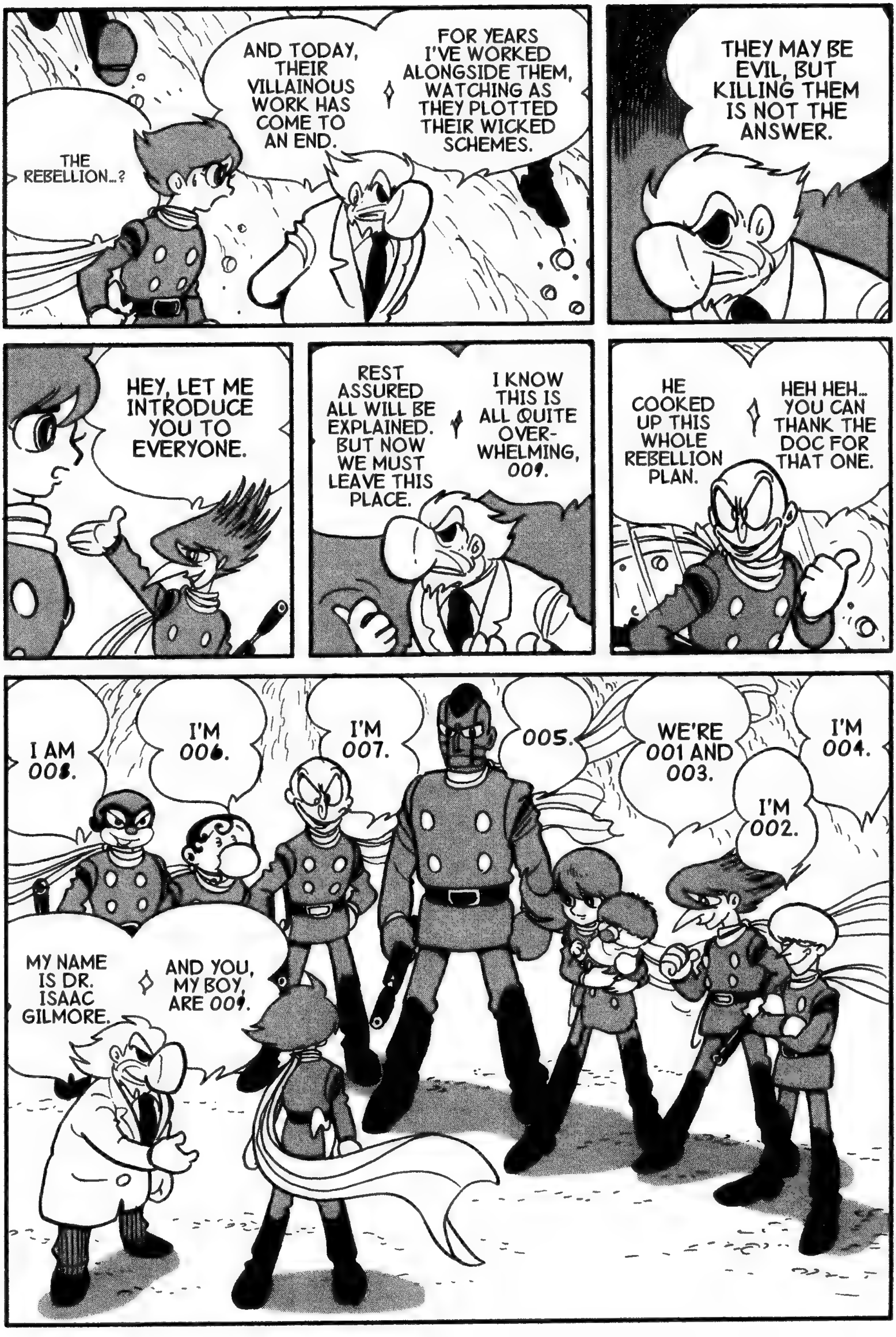

BADDA
BADDA
AHH!
PLEASE! STOP!
BADDA
BADDA
WATCH OUT!
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
BADDA
NOTHING'S WRONG.
YEAH! YOU TURNED US INTO KILLING MACHINES.
AND WE'RE PERFORMING OUR ROLE WITH APLOMB!
PUT THOSE AWAY!
WE DON'T WANT TO PARTAKE IN THE VIOLENCE THEY MEANT US FOR.
WE'RE LEAVING!
AND IF I WERE YOU DOCTORS...
I WOULDN'T TRY TO STOP US.
BUT YOU'RE JUST MACHINES.
HOW CAN YOU REBEL AGAINST YOUR CREATORS?!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RUN!
THINK ABOUT IT. WE HAVE AGENTS EVERYWHERE.

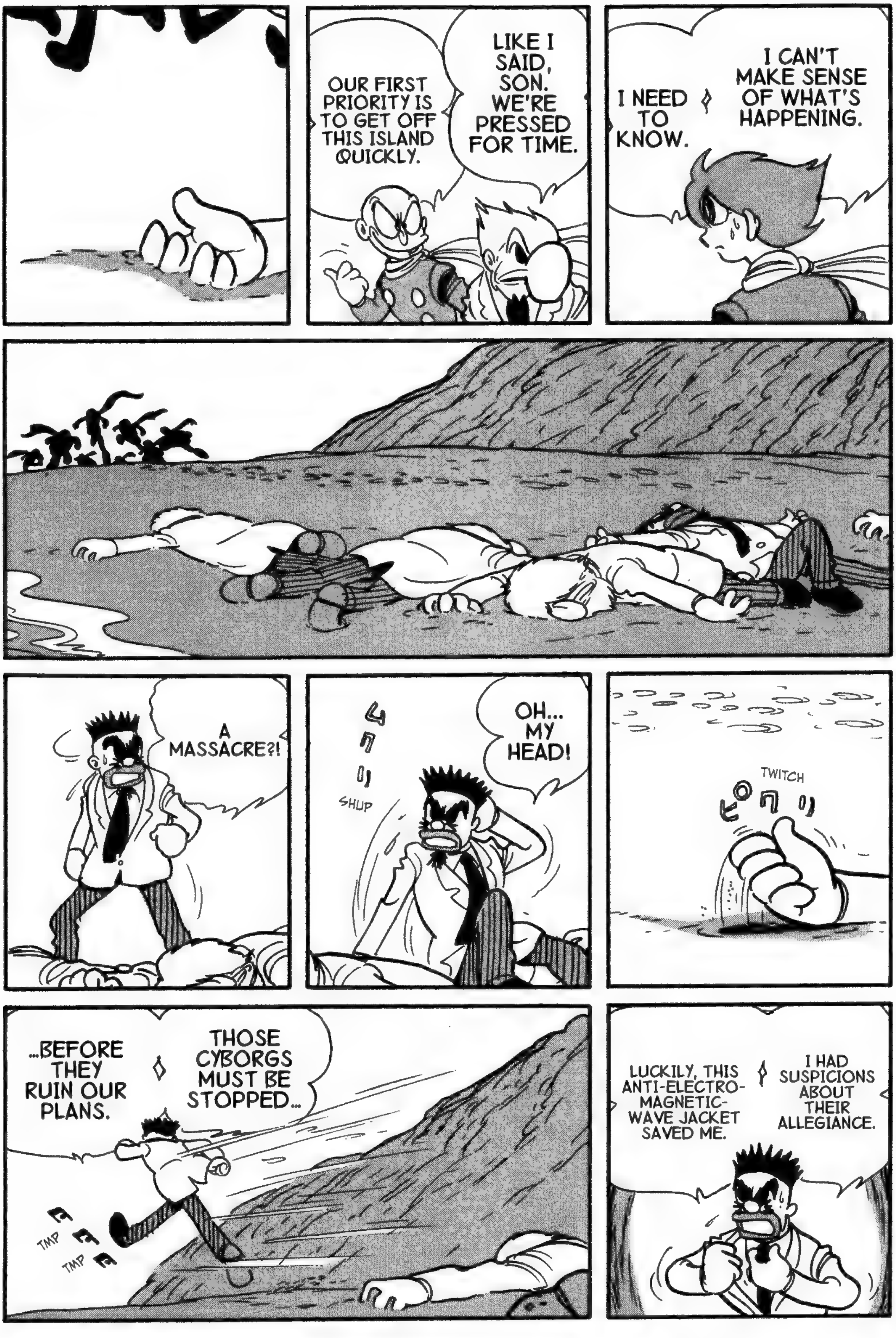

HMPH. WE'LL TAKE OUR CHANCES.
ZUT
WAIT, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A HOSTAGE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
HOW ABOUT DOCTOR GILMORE?
GET UP HERE, GILMORE.
YOU'RE COMING WITH US.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, 009?
ARE YOU COMING WITH US TOO?
DON'T GO, LAD!
DON'T LET THEM DECEIVE YOU.
YOU'RE STRONGER THAN THE LOT OF THEM.
YEAH, YOU SHOULD STOP THEM NOW!

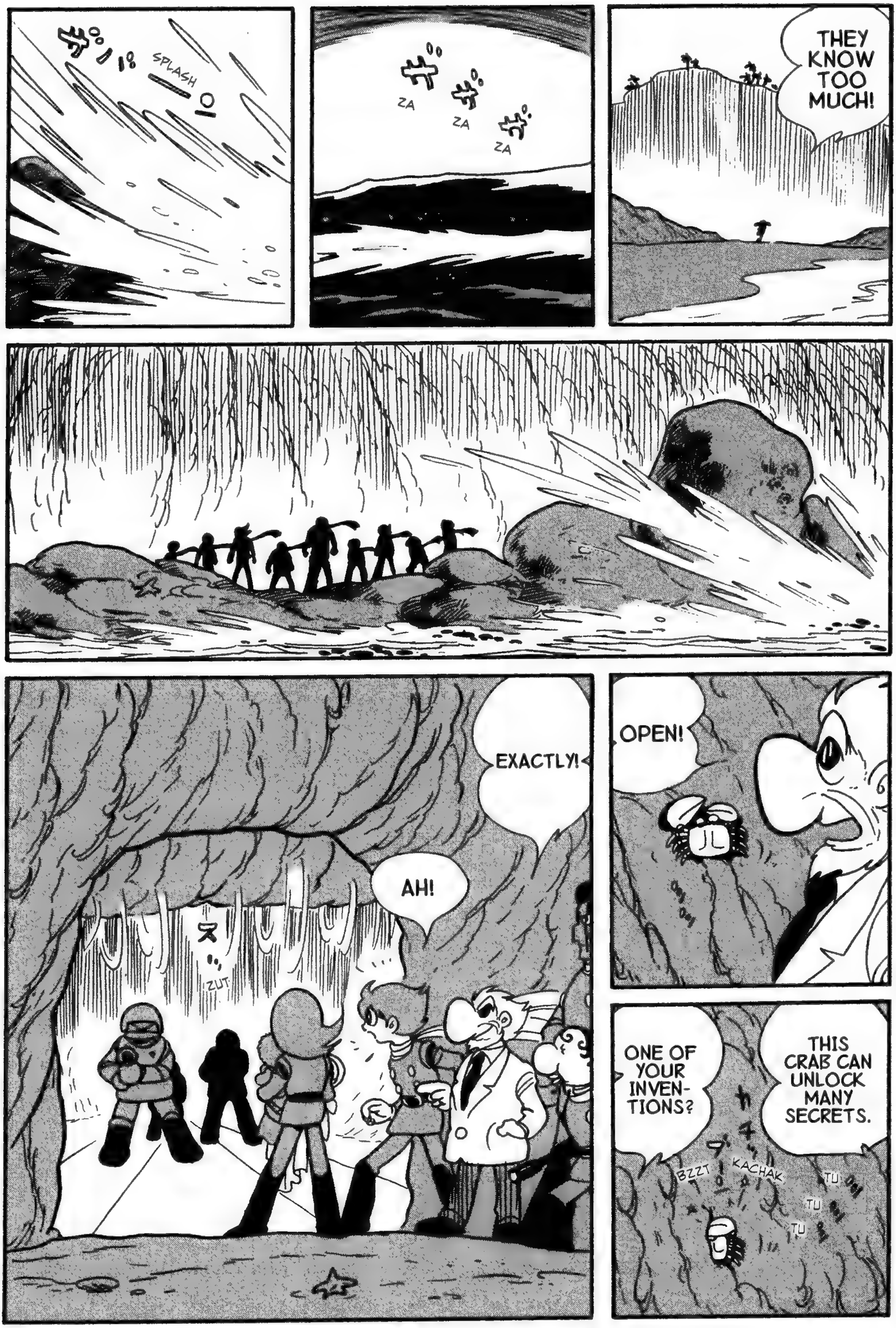

DESTROY THEM, 009! I COMMAND YOU!
……
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE LIKE BEFORE THE PROCEDURE. BUT IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT, 009?
AGENTS OF VIOLENCE SHOUTING ORDERS AT YOU!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US.
JOIN THEM, 009.
WHAT?
OKAY, WHO ARE YOU?
I'M 001, THE BABY IN 003'S ARMS.
Goo goo ga ga!!!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
IT'S INCREDULOUS, BUT TRUE.
UNTIL I LEARN HOW TO SPEAK, I'M FORCED TO USE TELEPATHY.
TELEPATHY?
THE ABILITY TO SPEAK WITH MY MIND. I'LL PROVIDE A MORE THOROUGH EXPLANATION LATER.
RIGHT NOW WE ARE PRESSED FOR TIME. SO, PLEASE, WILL YOU JOIN US?

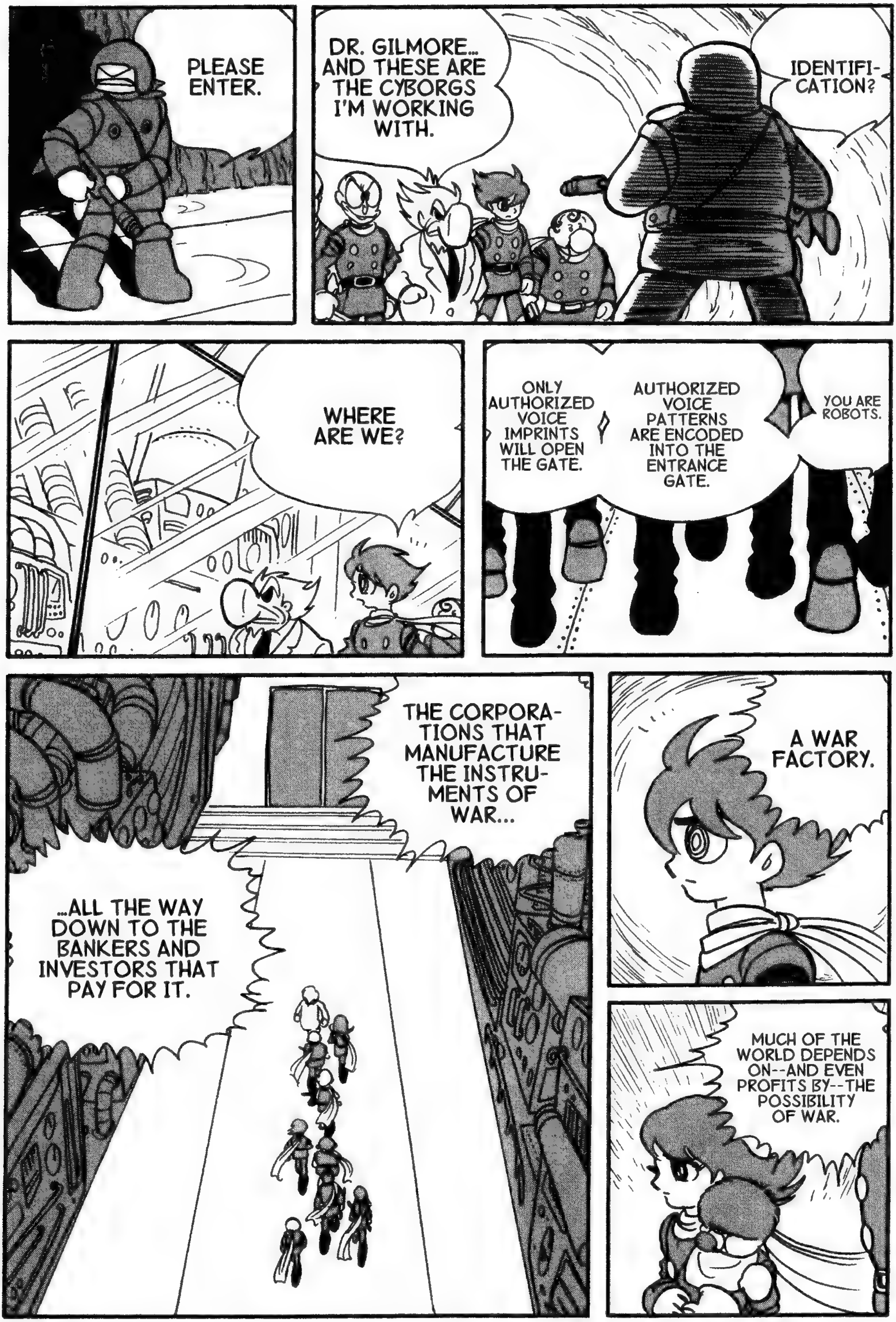

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T GO, 009!
TRAITORS!
DESPICABLE CREATIONS.
INGRATES!
UNGRATEFUL?
HOW DO YOU FIGURE?
BEFORE WE GOT TO YOU, YOU WERE NOTHING BUT MISFITS. THROUGH US, YOU WERE BORN ANEW!
WE'RE YOUR PARENTS.
HA HA HA HA.
HA HA HA HA HAAAAA.
PARENTS?
PARENTS GIVE THEIR CHILDREN BODIES...
...YOU HAVE ROBBED US OF OURS.
WE'RE MONSTERS!
JA
JA
JA
WAAH!

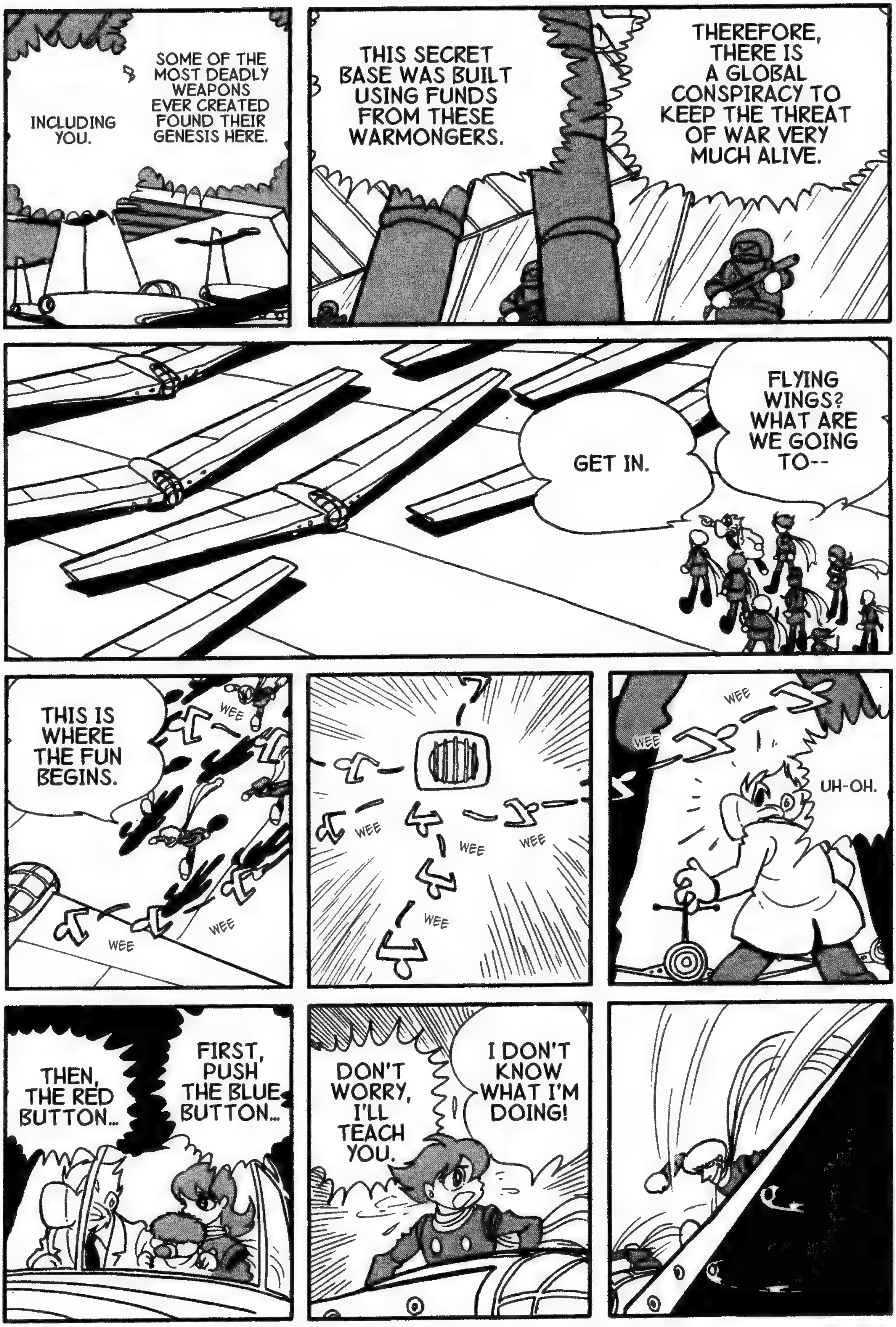

THUD
JA
JA
JA
DID YOU KILL THEM?
FFT
I WANTED TO.
BUT I MADE A PROMISE TO DOCTOR GILMORE.
?
THANK YOU.

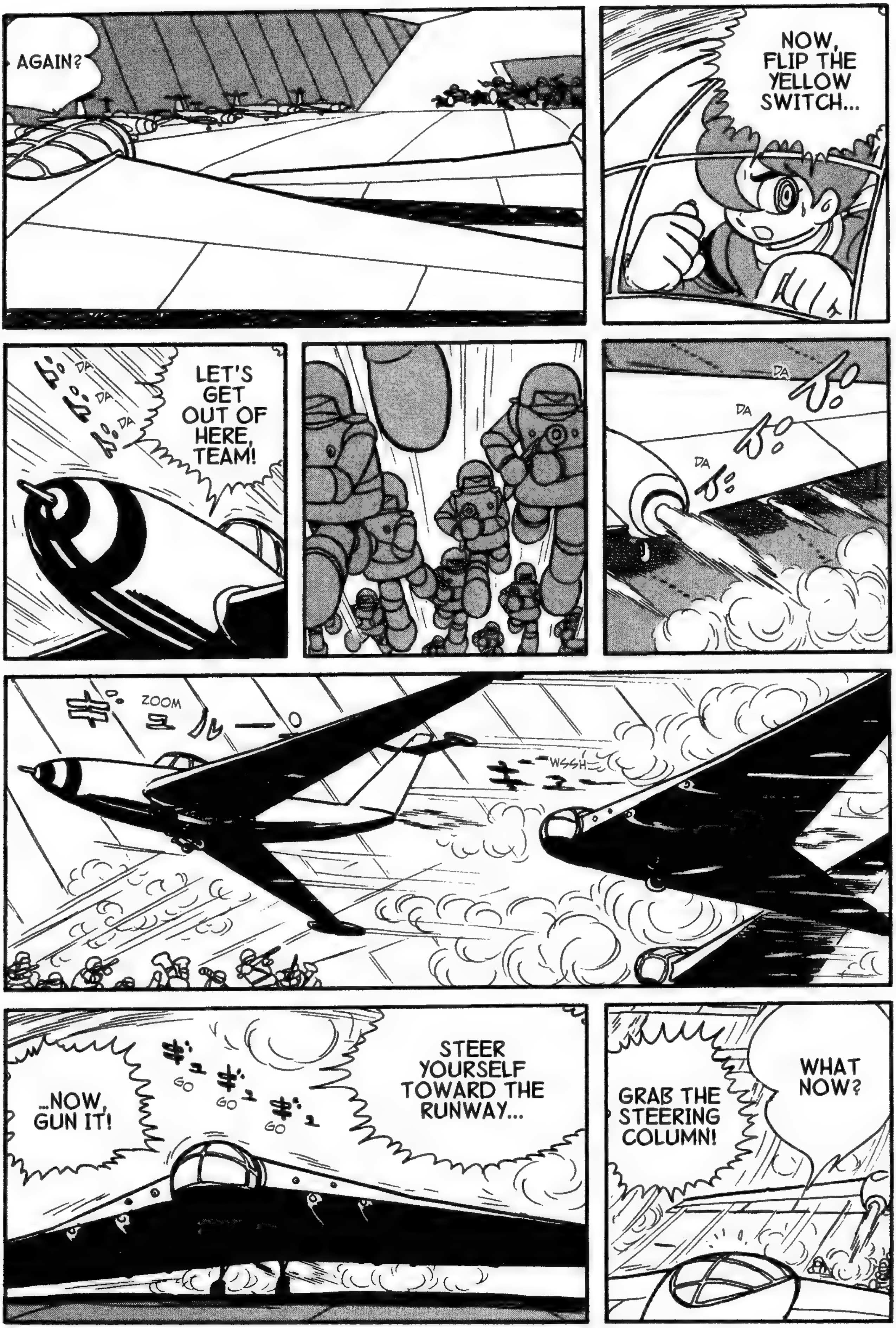

THEY MAY BE EVIL, BUT KILLING THEM IS NOT THE ANSWER.
FOR YEARS I'VE WORKED ALONGSIDE THEM, WATCHING AS THEY PLOTTED THEIR WICKED SCHEMES.
AND TODAY, THEIR VILLAINOUS WORK HAS COME TO AN END.
THE REBELLION...?
HEH HEH... YOU CAN THANK THE DOC FOR THAT ONE.
HE COOKED UP THIS WHOLE REBELLION PLAN.
I KNOW THIS IS ALL QUITE OVERWHELMING, 009.
REST ASSURED ALL WILL BE EXPLAINED. BUT NOW WE MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE.
HEY, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO EVERYONE.
I'M 004.
I'M 002.
WE'RE 001 AND 003.
005.
I'M 007.
I'M 006.
I AM 008.
MY NAME IS DR. ISAAC GILMORE.
AND YOU, MY BOY, ARE 009.

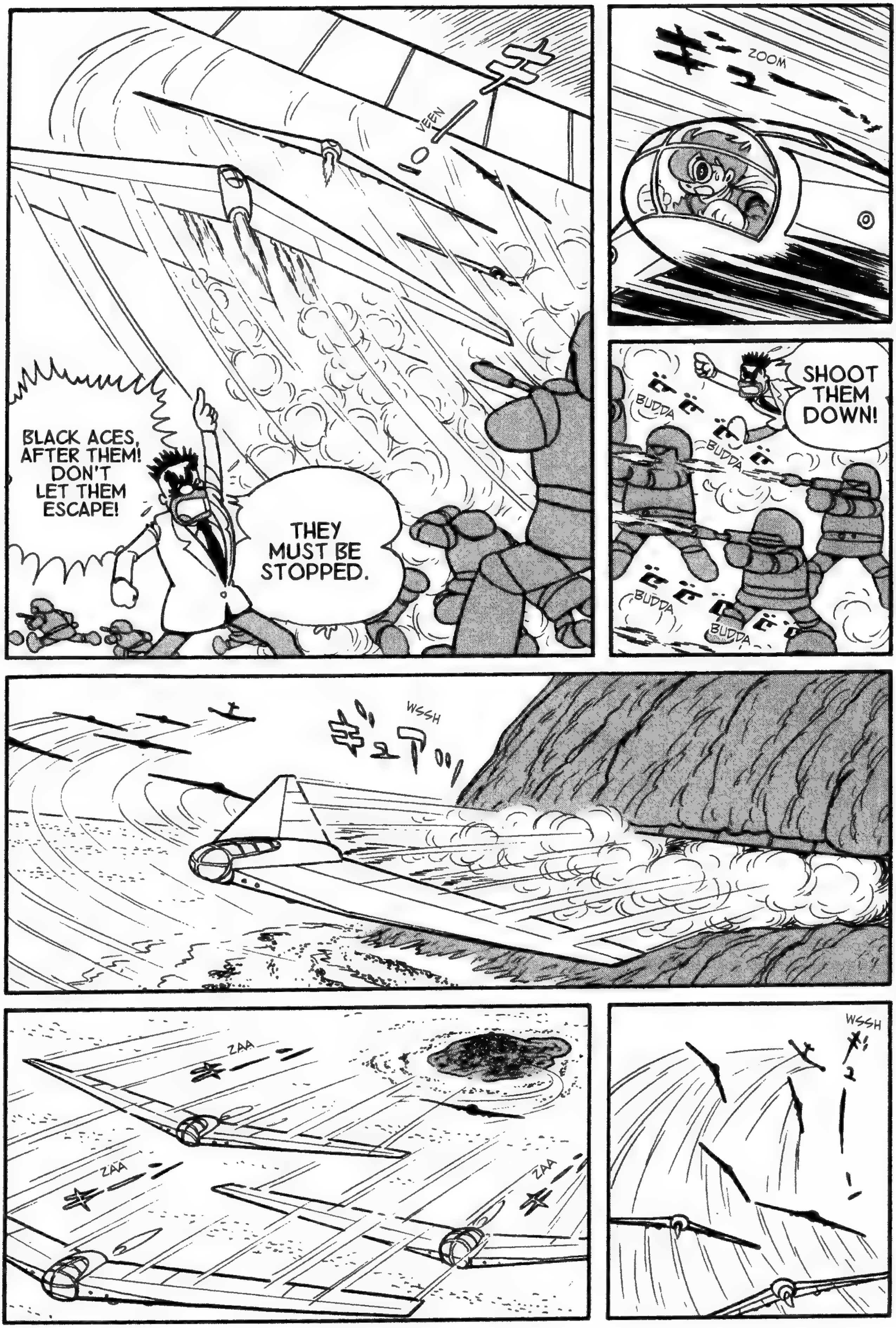

I CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.
I NEED TO KNOW.
LIKE I SAID, SON. WE'RE PRESSED FOR TIME.
OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO GET OFF THIS ISLAND QUICKLY.
ピクリ
TWITCH
OH... MY HEAD!
ムクリ
SHUP
A MASSACRE?!
I HAD SUSPICIONS ABOUT THEIR ALLEGIANCE.
LUCKILY, THIS ANTI-ELECTRO-MAGNETIC-WAVE JACKET SAVED ME.
THOSE CYBORGS MUST BE STOPPED...
...BEFORE THEY RUIN OUR PLANS.
TMP
TMP

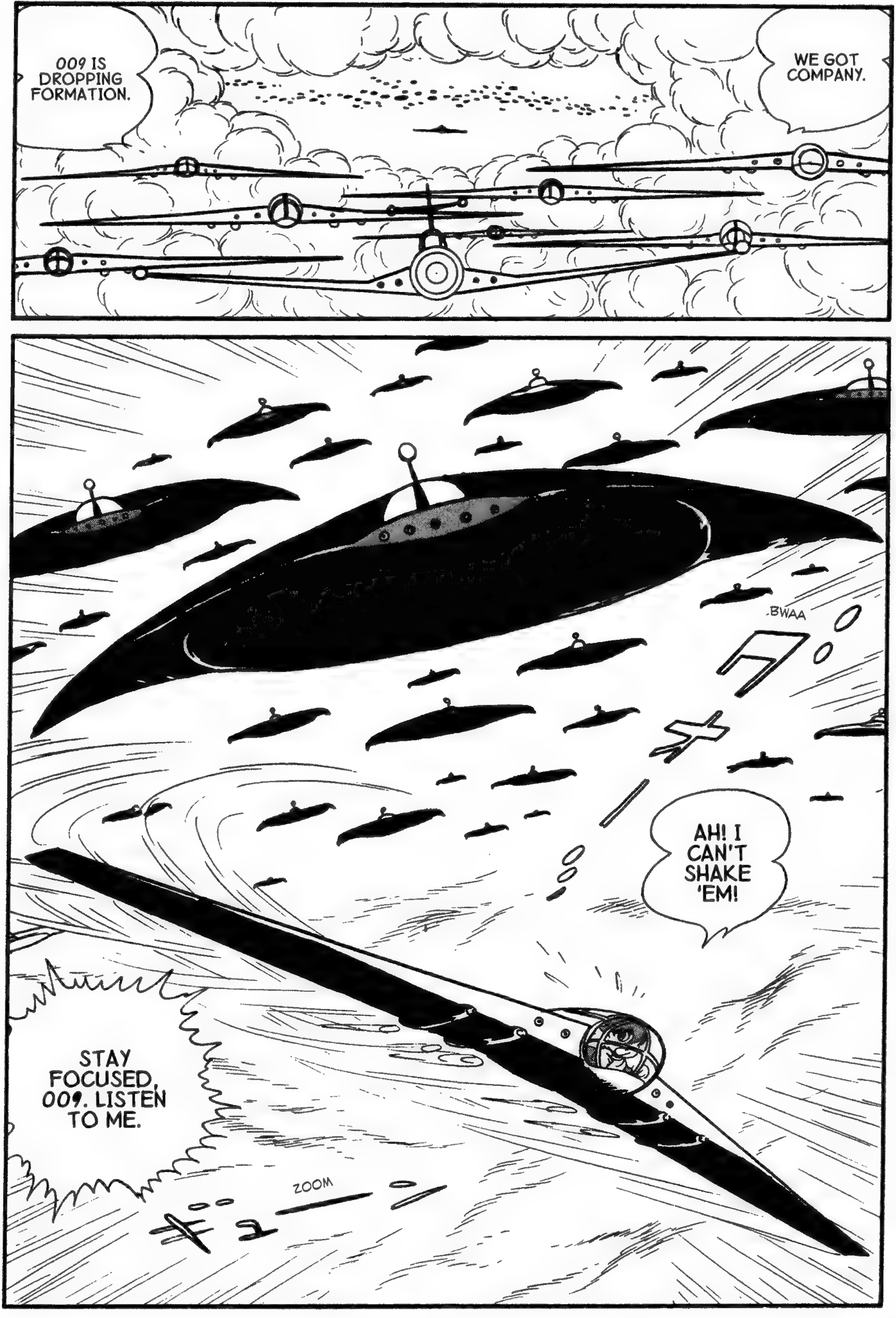

THEY KNOW TOO MUCH!
ZA
ZA
ZA
SPLASH
OPEN!
THIS CRAB CAN UNLOCK MANY SECRETS.
ONE OF YOUR INVEN- TIONS?
BZZT
KACHAK
TU
TU
TU
EXACTLY!
AH!
ZUT

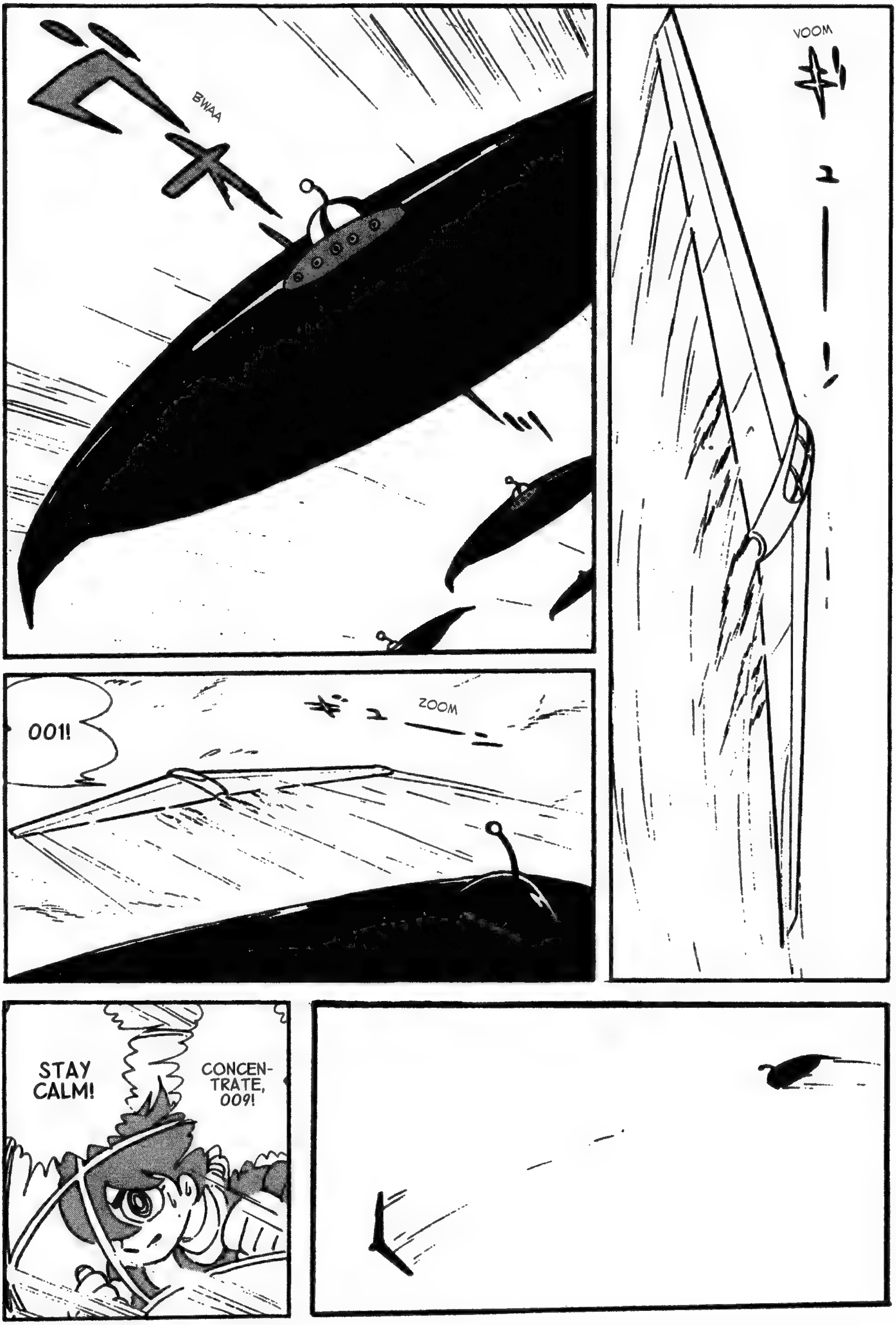

IDENTIFICATION?
DR. GILMORE... AND THESE ARE THE CYBORGS I'M WORKING WITH.
PLEASE ENTER.
YOU ARE ROBOTS.
AUTHORIZED VOICE PATTERNS ARE ENCODED INTO THE ENTRANCE GATE.
ONLY AUTHORIZED VOICE IMPRINTS WILL OPEN THE GATE.
WHERE ARE WE?
A WAR FACTORY.
MUCH OF THE WORLD DEPENDS ON--AND EVEN PROFITS BY--THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR.
THE CORPORATIONS THAT MANUFACTURE THE INSTRUMENTS OF WAR...
...ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE BANKERS AND INVESTORS THAT PAY FOR IT.

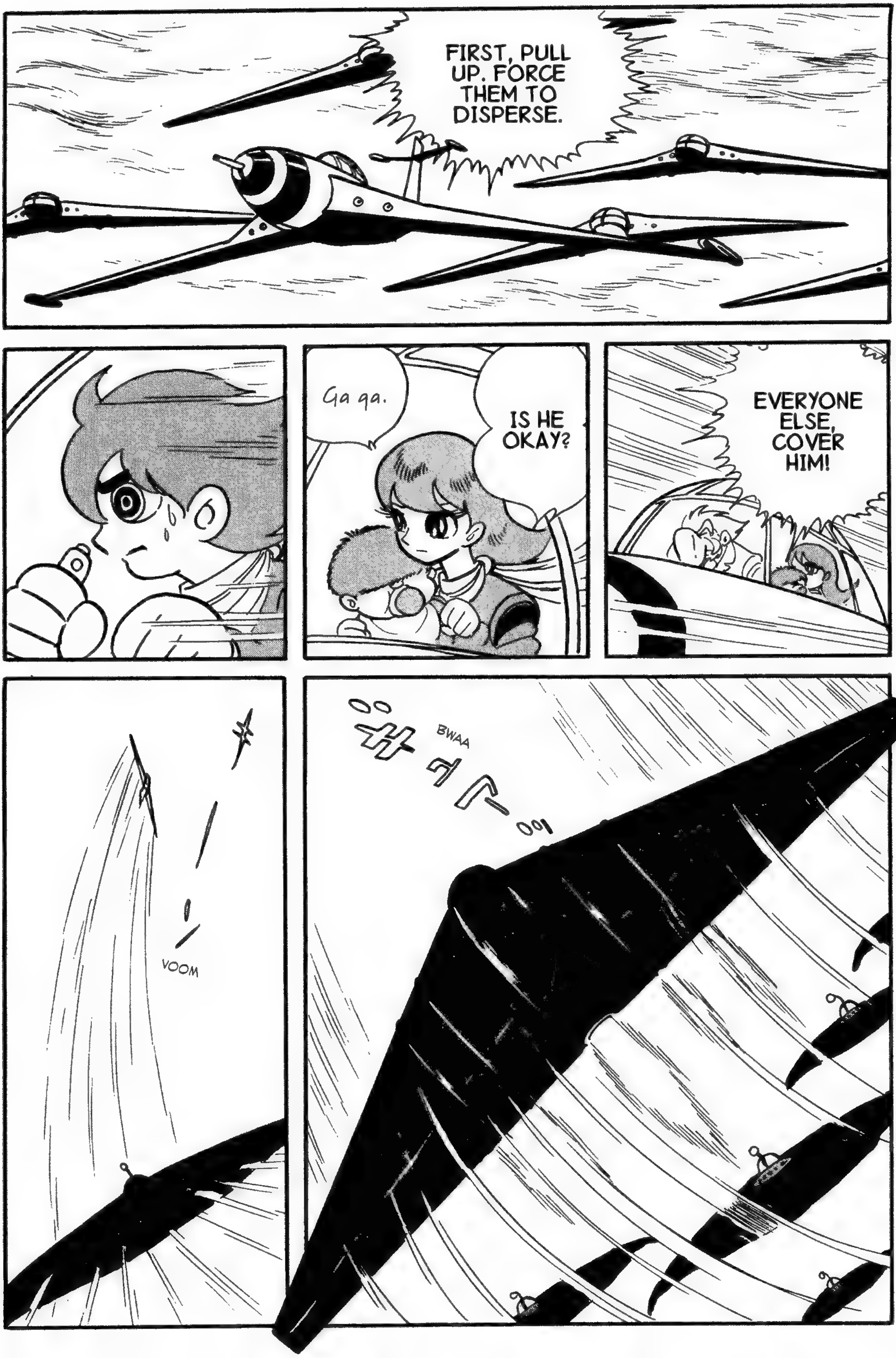

SOME OF THE MOST DEADLY WEAPONS EVER CREATED FOUND THEIR GENESIS HERE.
INCLUDING YOU.
THIS SECRET BASE WAS BUILT USING FUNDS FROM THESE WARMONGERS.
THEREFORE, THERE IS A GLOBAL CONSPIRACY TO KEEP THE THREAT OF WAR VERY MUCH ALIVE.
FLYING WINGS? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO--
GET IN.
THIS IS WHERE THE FUN BEGINS.
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
WEE
UH-OH.
FIRST, PUSH THE BLUE BUTTON...
THEN, THE RED BUTTON...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL TEACH YOU.

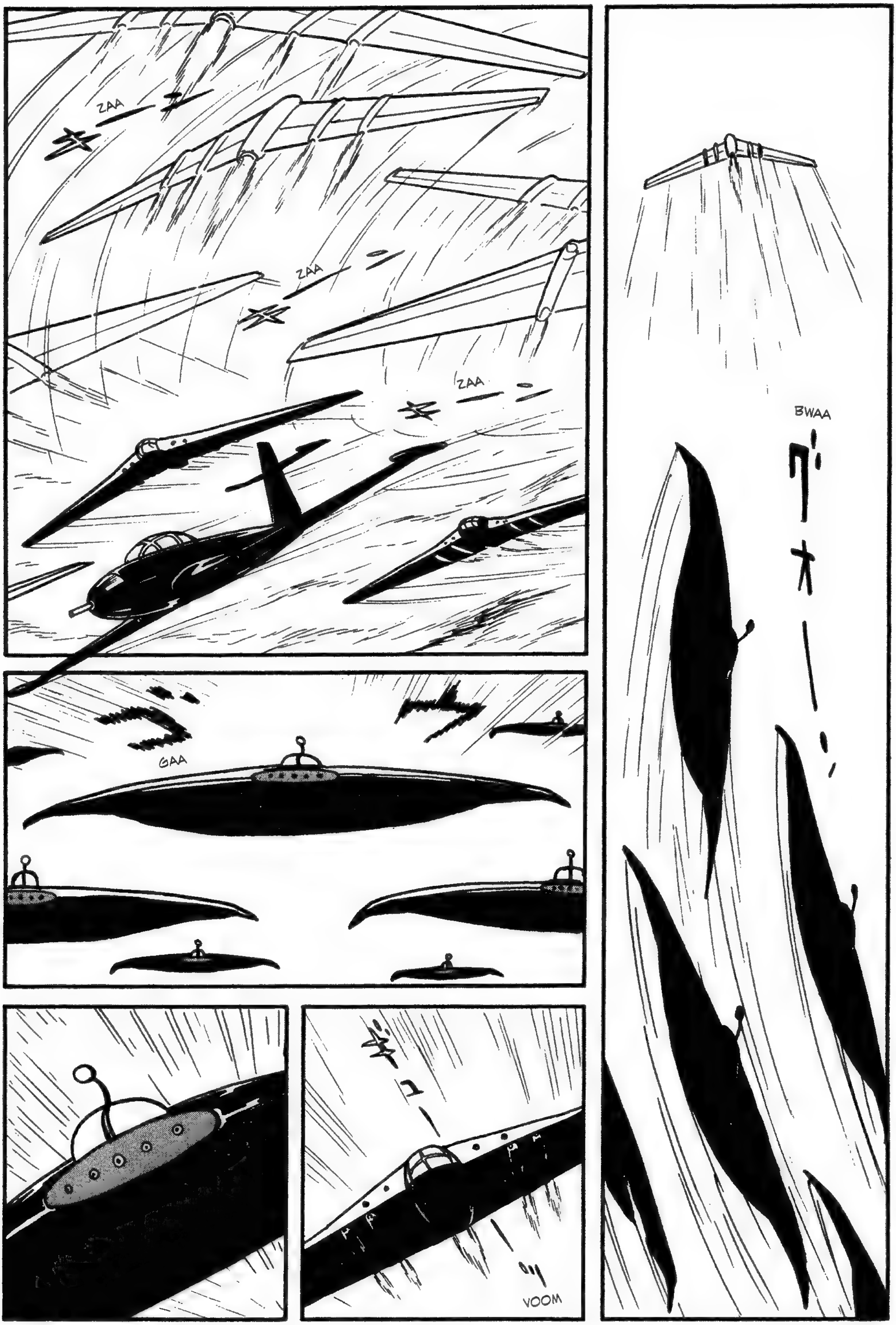

NOW, FLIP THE YELLOW SWITCH...
AGAIN?
ダ DA
ダ DA
ダ DA
ダ DA
ダ DA
ダ DA
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TEAM!
キュルーッ ZOOM
キュー WSSH
WHAT NOW?
GRAB THE STEERING COLUMN!
STEER YOURSELF TOWARD THE RUNWAY...
ギュ GO
ギュ GO
ギュ GO
...NOW, GUN IT!


VEEN
BLACK ACES, AFTER THEM! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!
THEY MUST BE STOPPED.
ZOOM
SHOOT THEM DOWN!
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
WSSH
ZAA
ZAA
ZAA
WSSH


009 IS DROPPING FORMATION.
WE GOT COMPANY.
BWAA
AH! I CAN'T SHAKE 'EM!
STAY FOCUSED, 009. LISTEN TO ME.
ZOOM


BWAA
VOOM
001!
ZOOM
STAY CALM!
CONCENTRATE, 009!


FIRST, PULL UP. FORCE THEM TO DISPERSE.
EVERYONE ELSE, COVER HIM!
IS HE OKAY?
Ga qa.
ザワヘー!!
BWAA
VOOM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GAA
VOOM
BWAA
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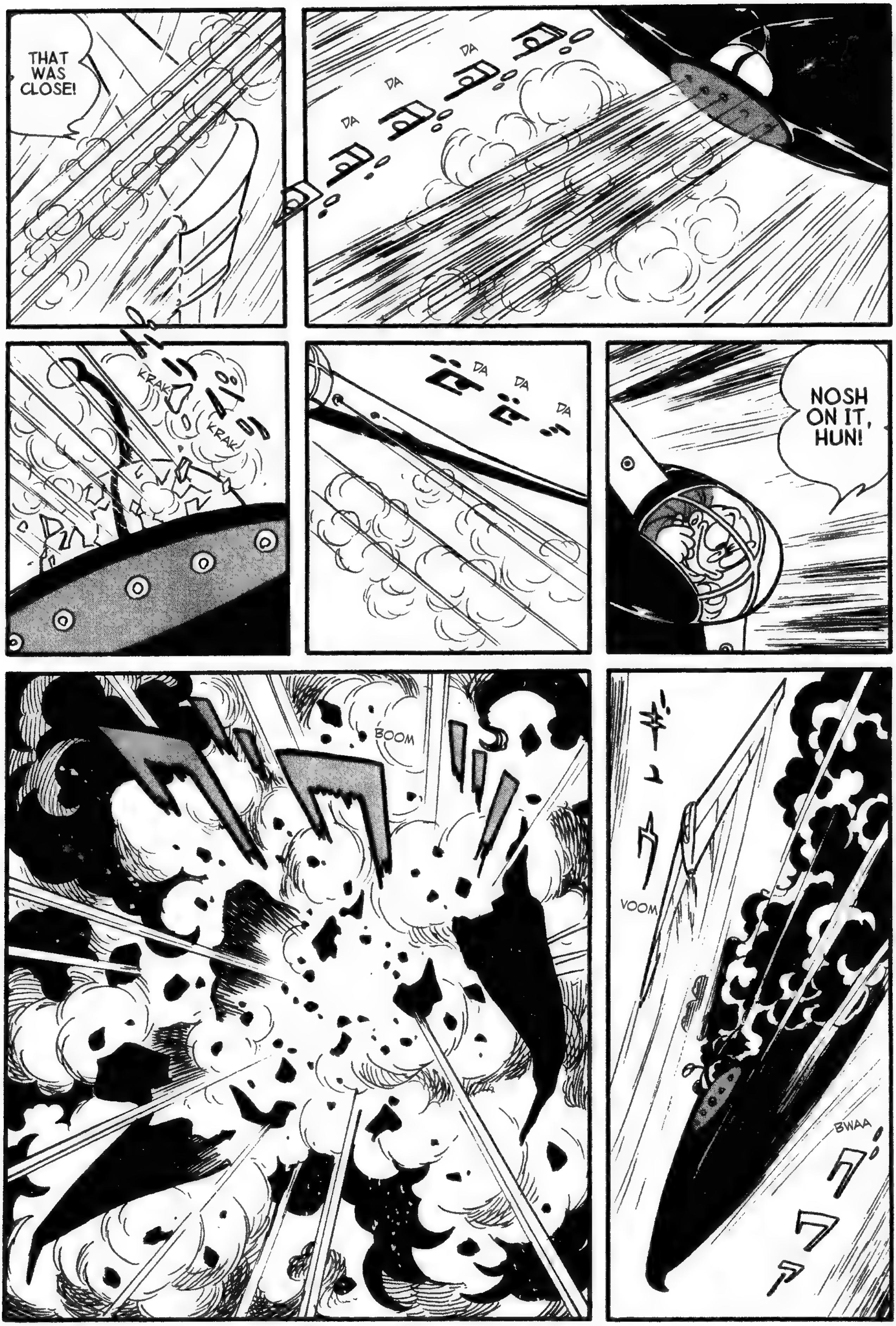
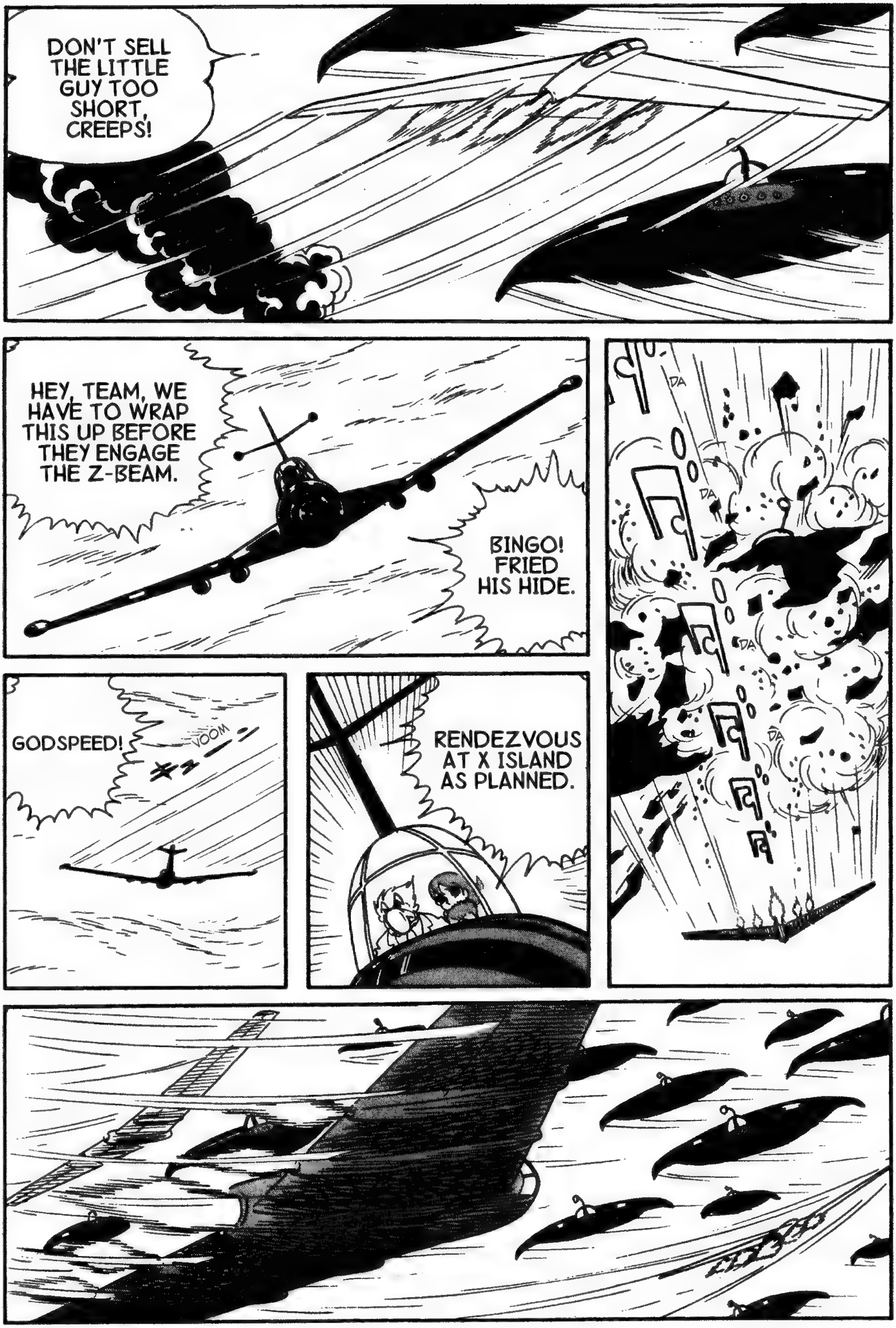
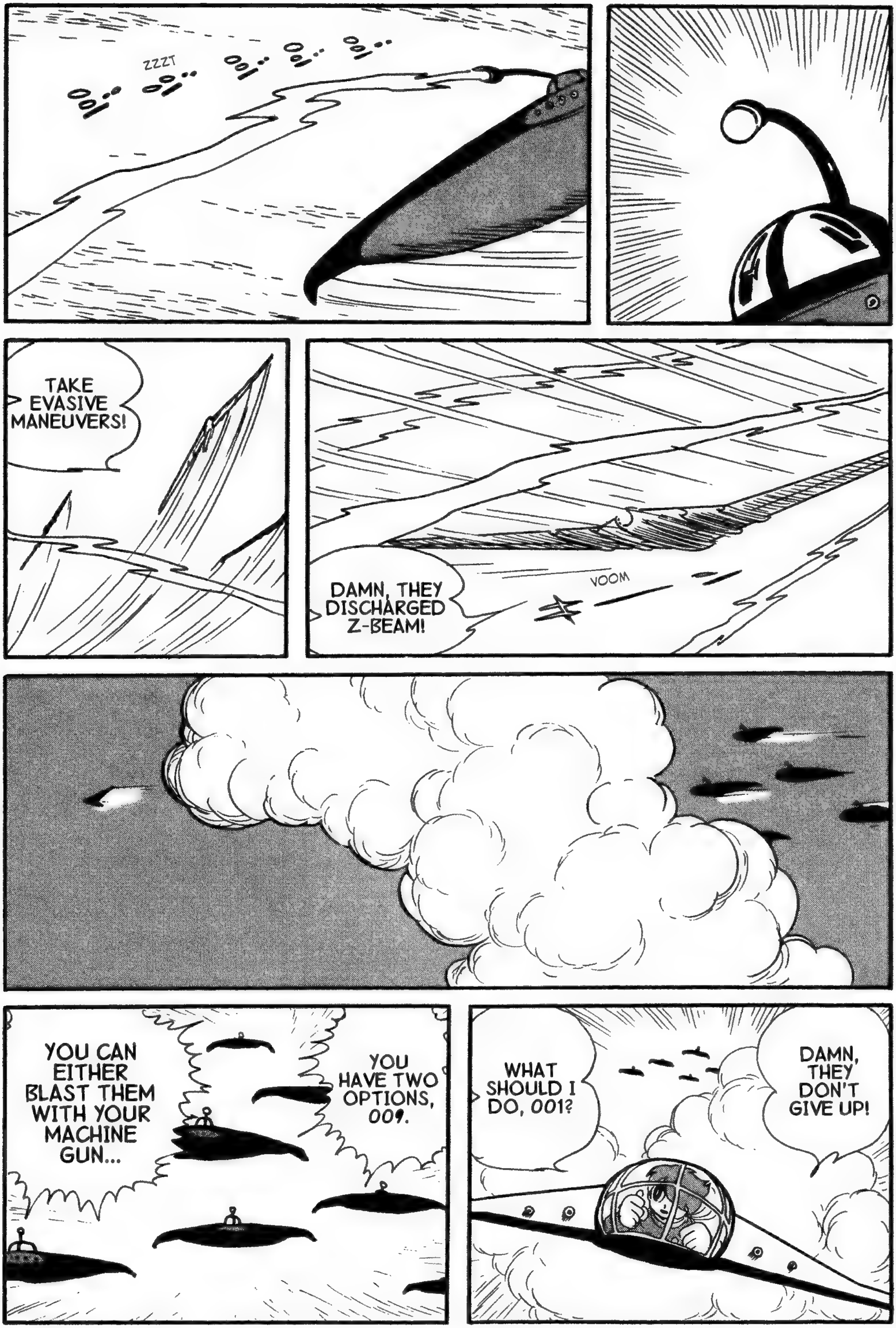
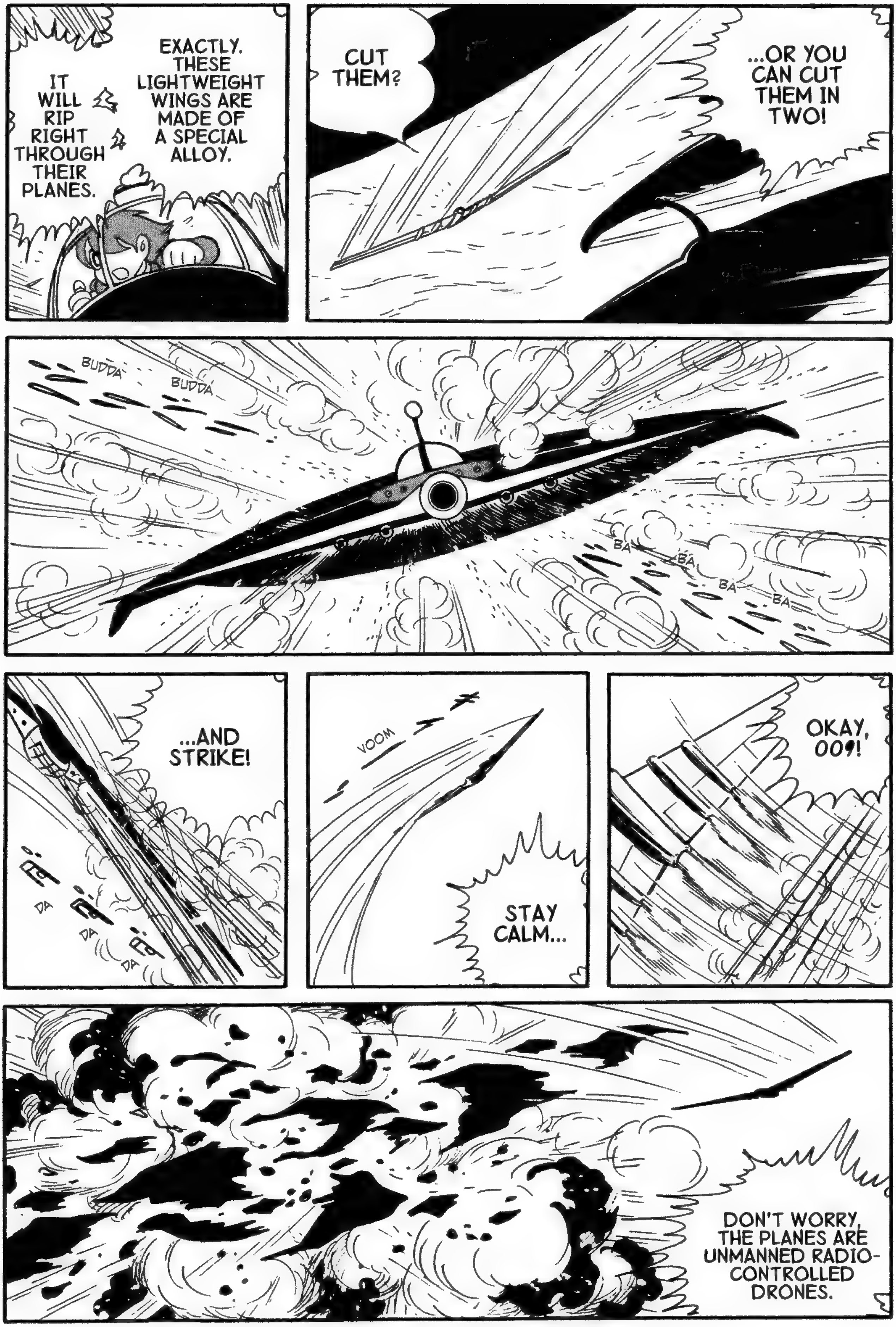
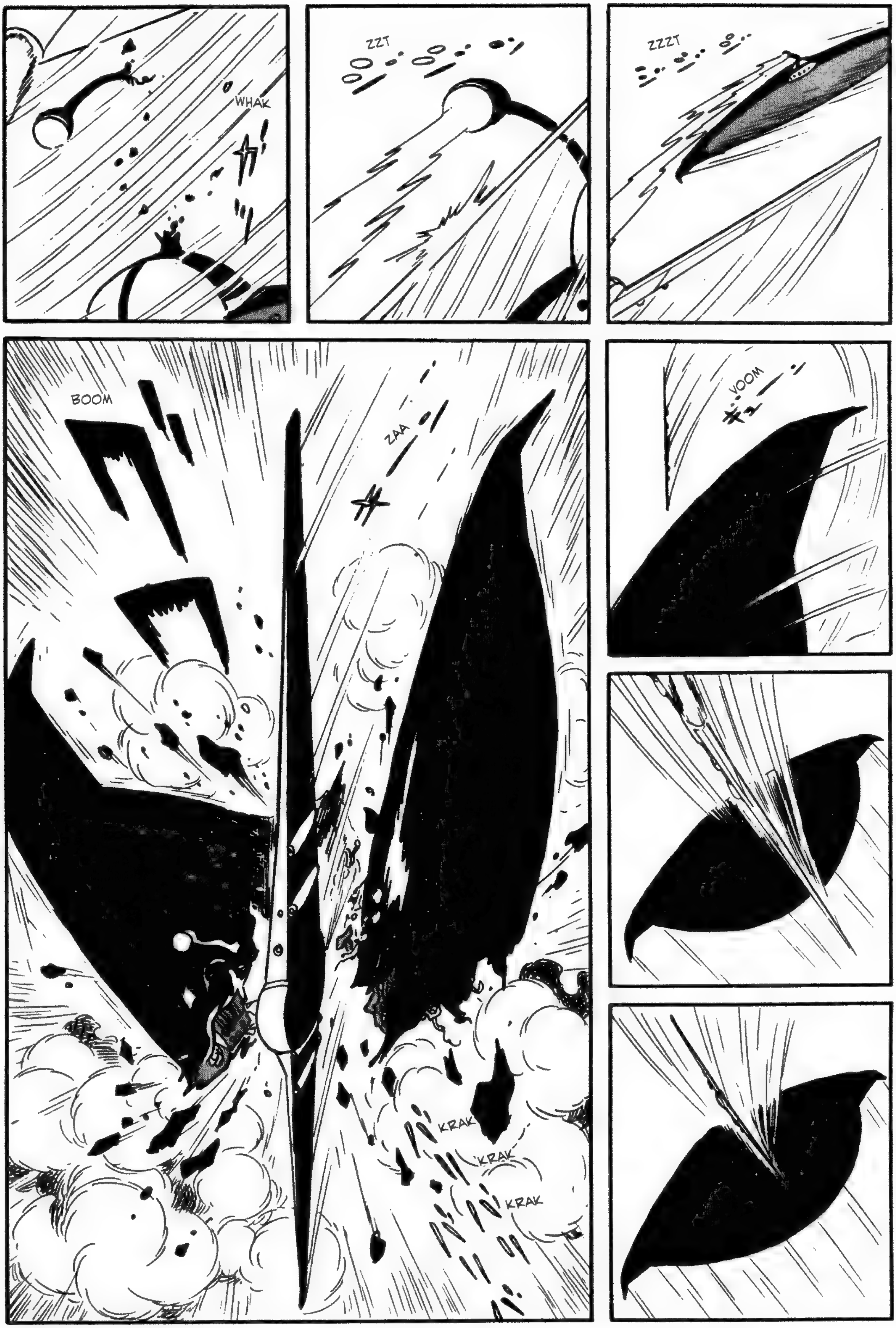
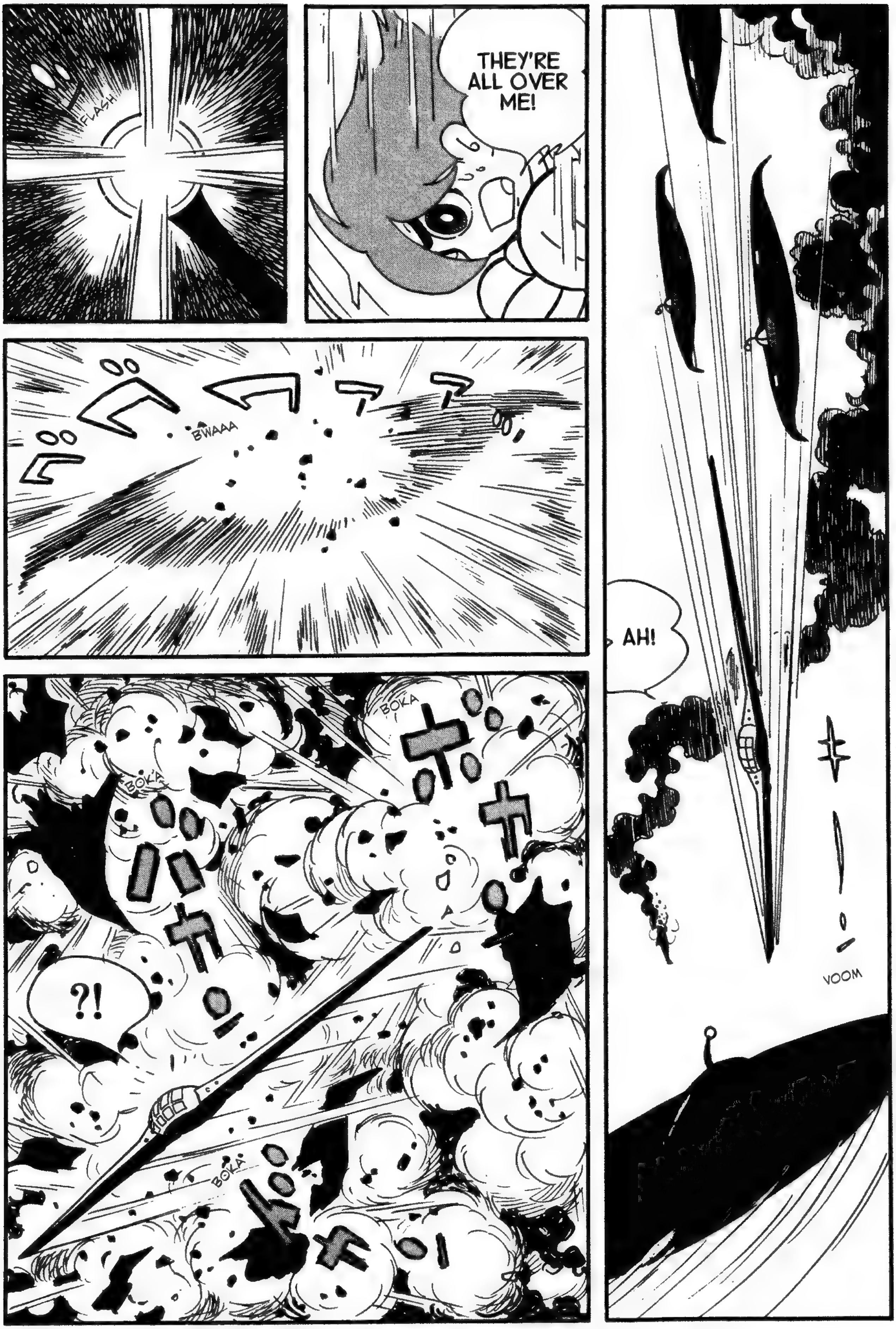

THAT WAS CLOSE!
DA
DA
DA
KRAK
KRAK
DA
DA
DA
NOSH ON IT, HUN!
BOOM
VOOM
BWAA

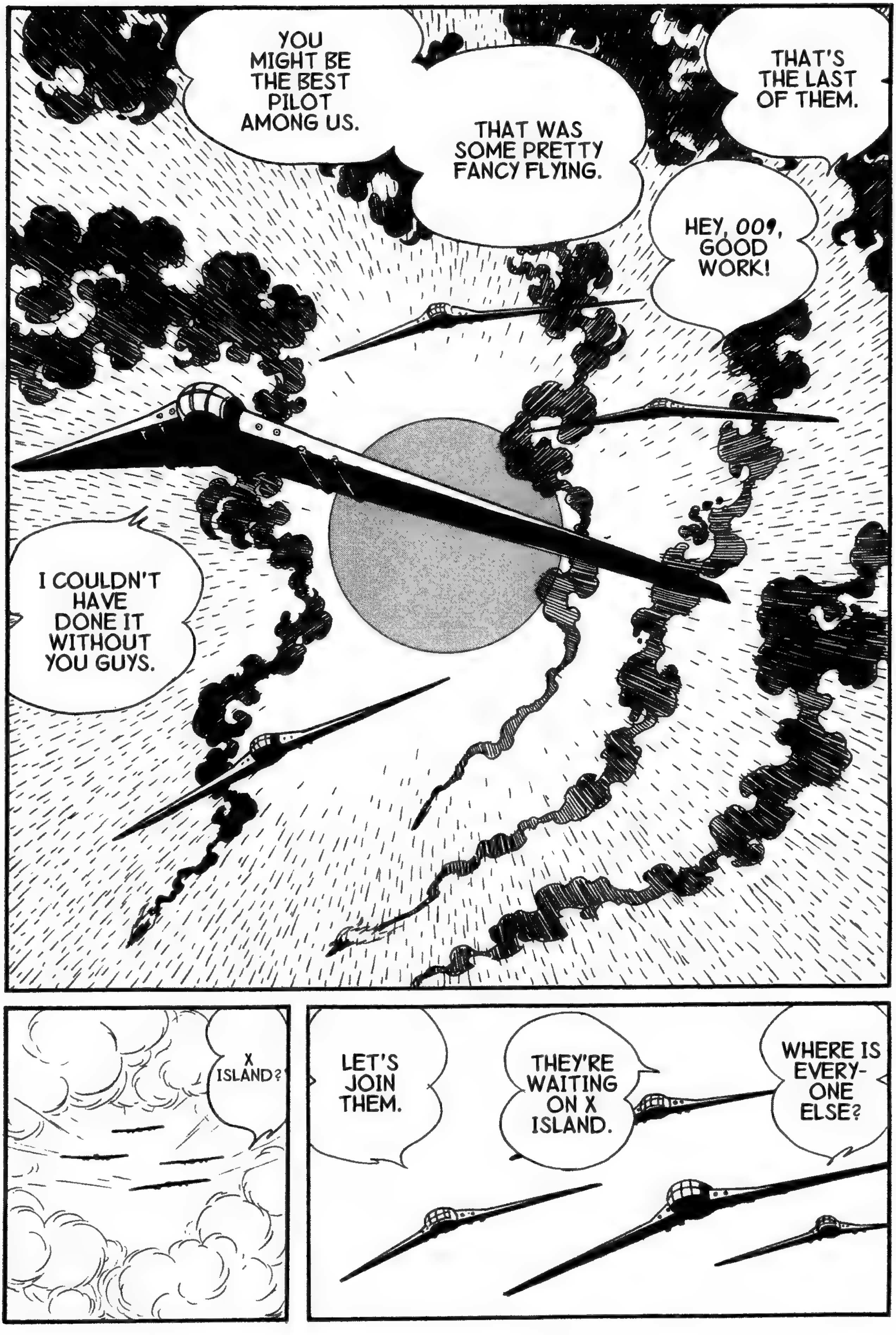

DON'T SELL THE LITTLE GUY TOO SHORT, CREEPS!
HEY, TEAM, WE HAVE TO WRAP THIS UP BEFORE THEY ENGAGE THE Z-BEAM.
BINGO! FRIED HIS HIDE.
DA
DA
DA
DA
GODSPEED!
VOOM
RENDEZVOUS AT X ISLAND AS PLANNED.

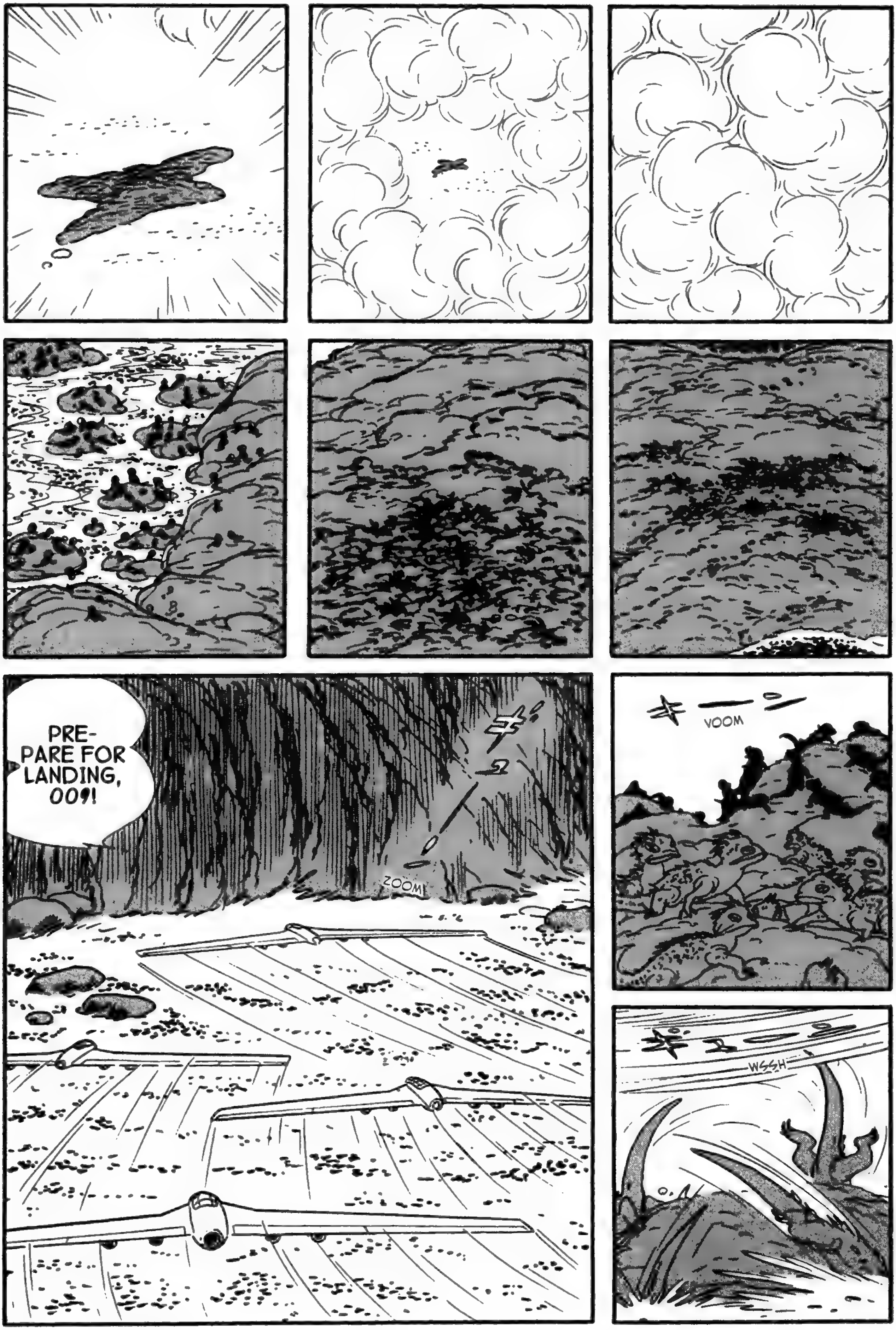

ZZZT
001
001
001
001
001
DAMN, THEY DISCHARGED Z-BEAM!
VOOM
TAKE EVASIVE MANEUVERS!
DAMN, THEY DON'T GIVE UP!
WHAT SHOULD I DO, 001?
YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS, 009.
YOU CAN EITHER BLAST THEM WITH YOUR MACHINE GUN...

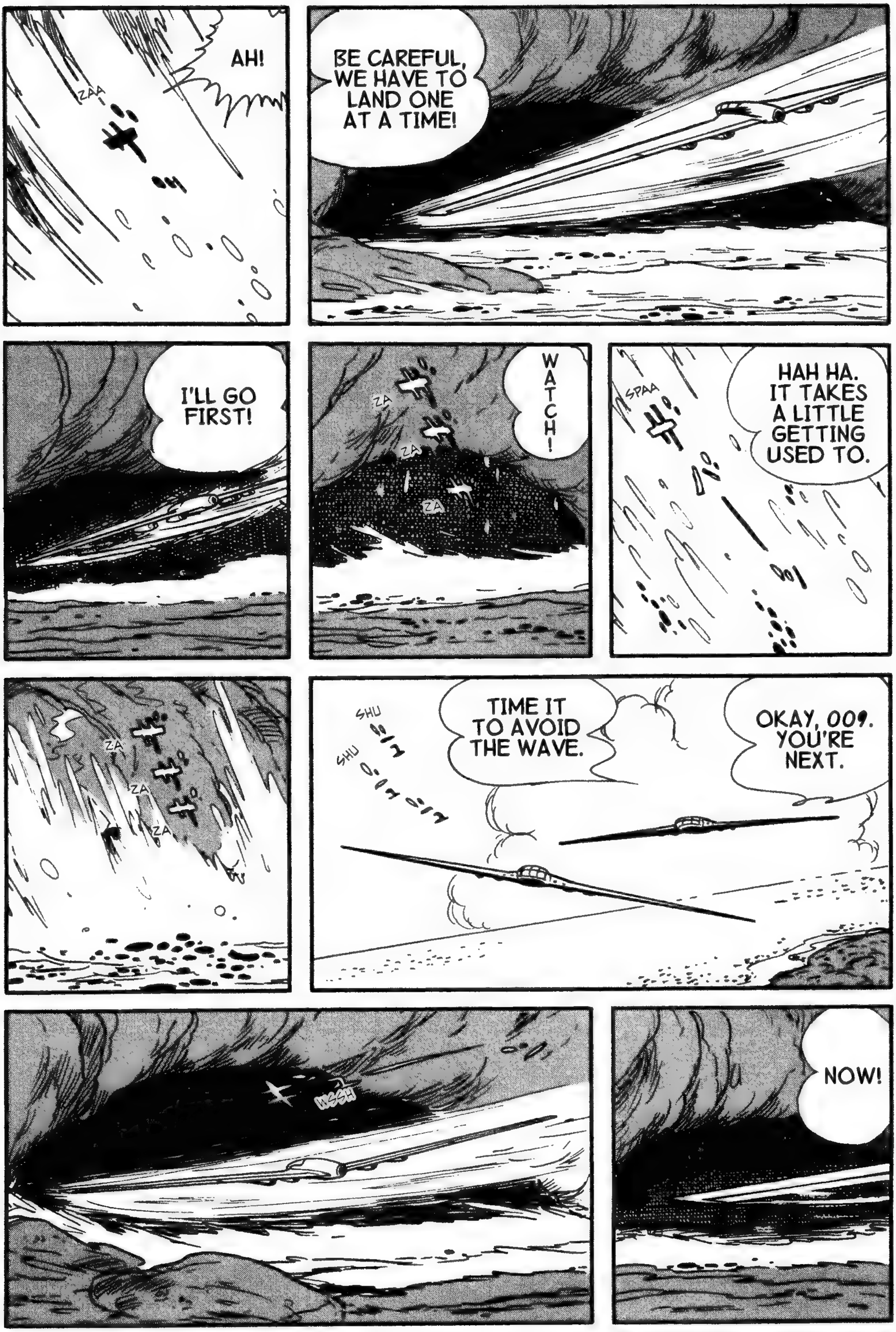

EXACTLY. THESE LIGHTWEIGHT WINGS ARE MADE OF A SPECIAL ALLOY.
IT WILL RIP RIGHT THROUGH THEIR PLANES.
CUT THEM?
...OR YOU CAN CUT THEM IN TWO!
BUDDA
BUDDA
BA
BA
BA
BA
...AND STRIKE!
DA
DA
DA
VOOM
STAY CALM...
OKAY, 009!
DON'T WORRY, THE PLANES ARE UNMANNED RADIO-CONTROLLED DRONES.

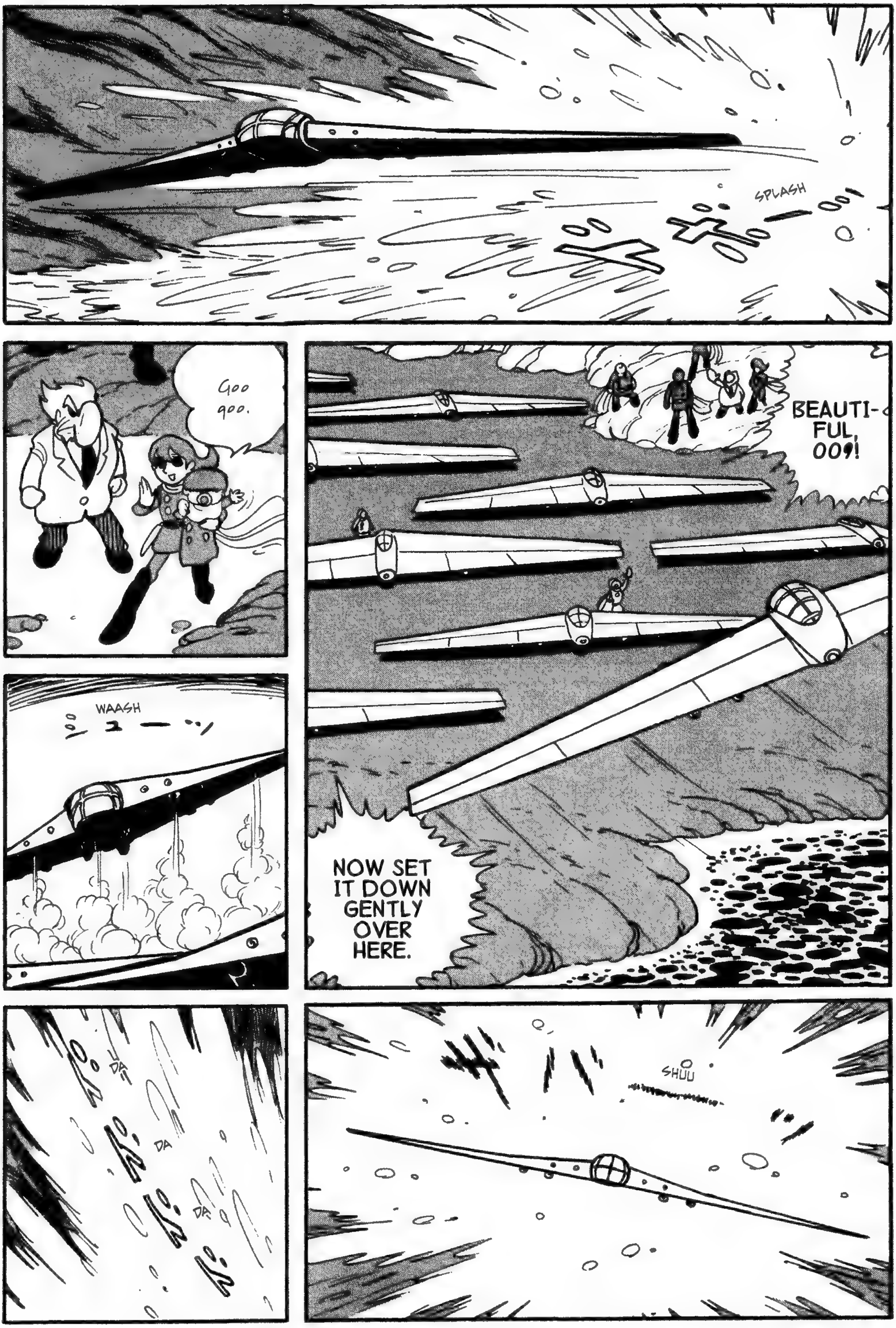

WHAK
ZZT
ZZZT
BOOM
ZAA
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
VOOM

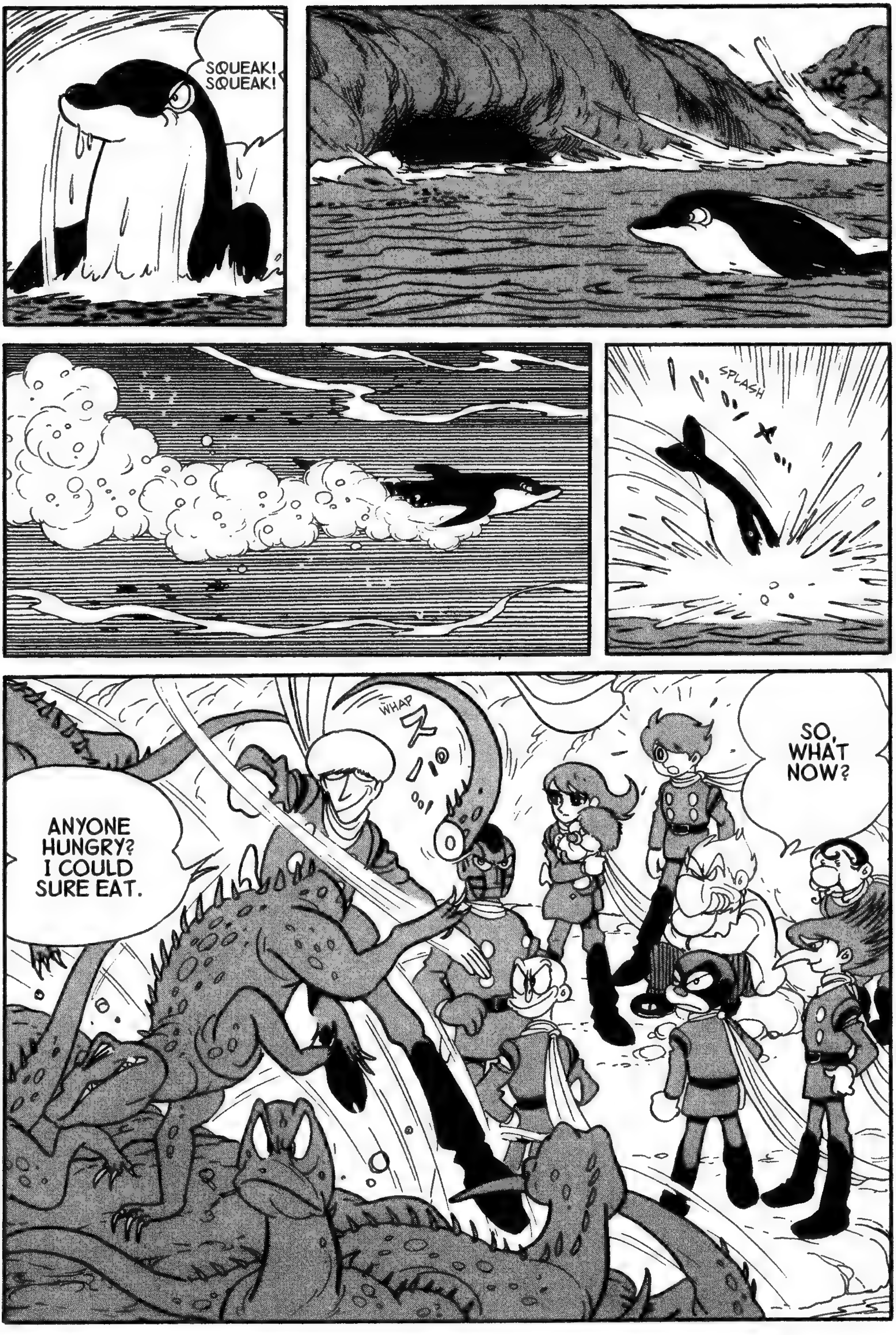

FLASH
THEY'RE ALL OVER ME!
BWAAA
BOKA
BOKA
?!
BOKA
AH!
VOOM


THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM.
HEY, 009, GOOD WORK!
THAT WAS SOME PRETTY FANCY FLYING.
YOU MIGHT BE THE BEST PILOT AMONG US.
I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU GUYS.
WHERE IS EVERYONE ELSE?
THEY'RE WAITING ON X ISLAND.
LET'S JOIN THEM.
X ISLAND?

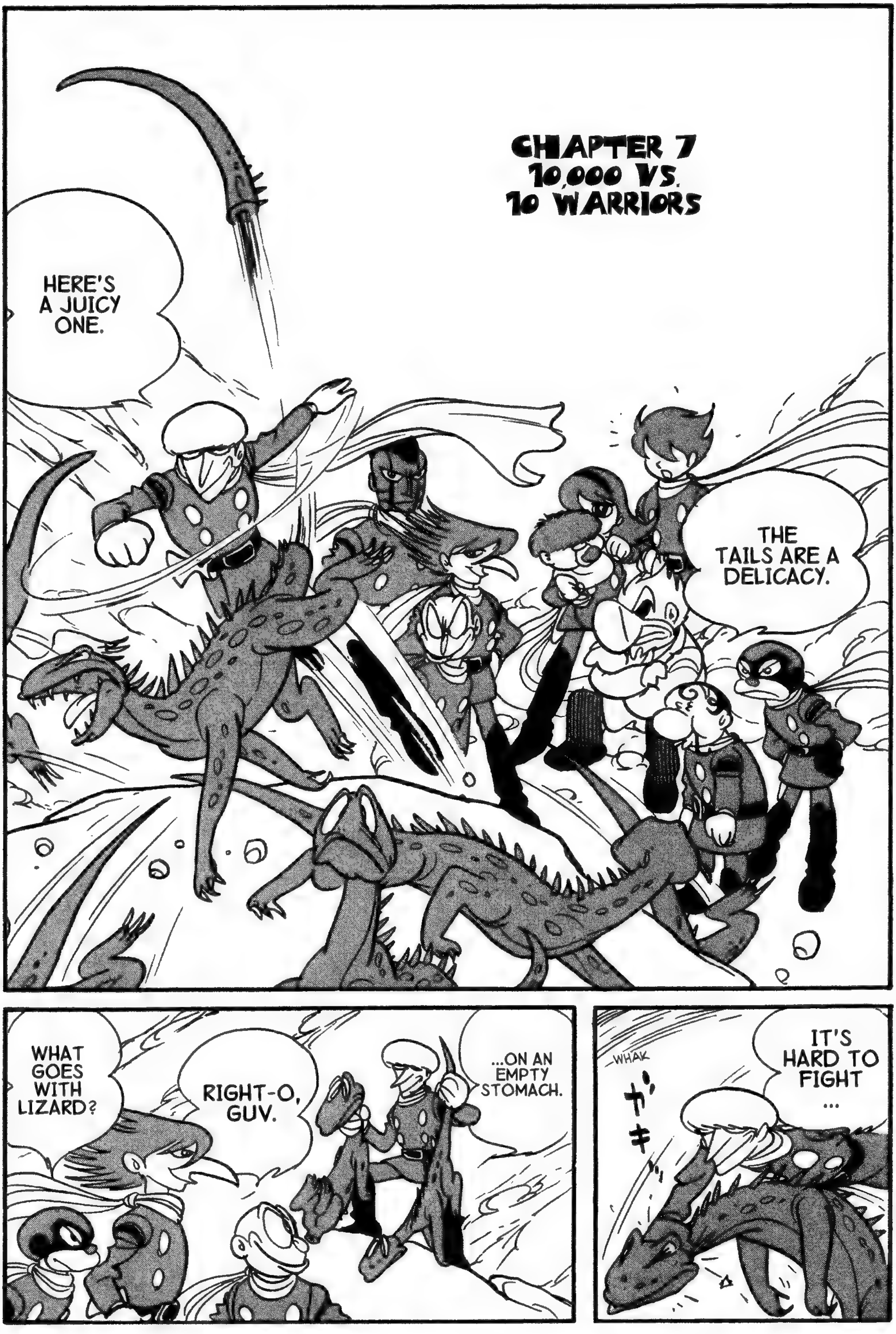

PRE-PARE FOR LANDING, 009!
ZOOM
VOOM
WSSH

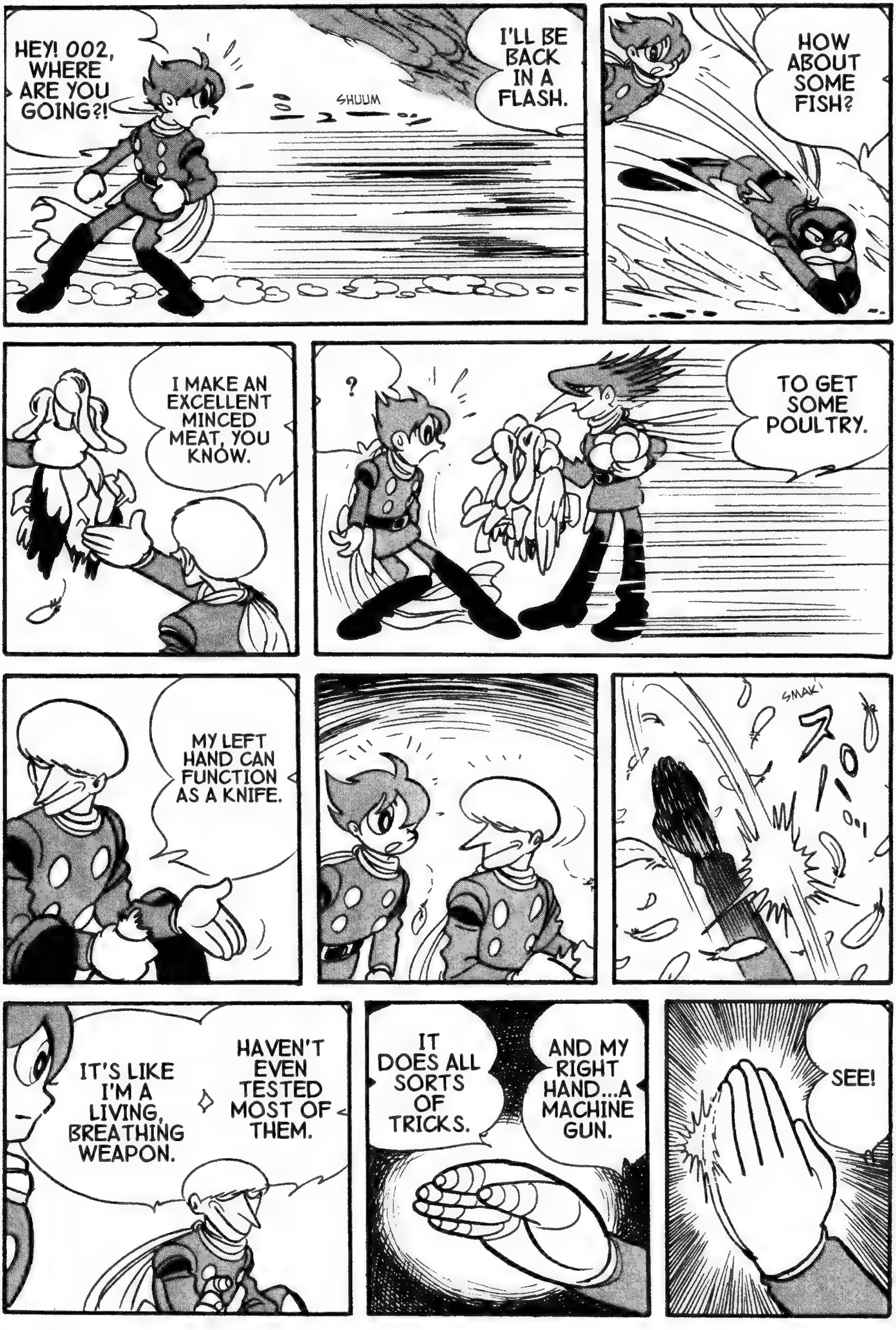

ZAA
AH!
BE CAREFUL, WE HAVE TO LAND ONE AT A TIME!
I'LL GO FIRST!
ZA
ZA
ZA
WATCH!
SPAA
HAH HA. IT TAKES A LITTLE GETTING USED TO.
ZA
ZA
ZA
SHU
SHU
TIME IT TO AVOID THE WAVE.
OKAY, 009. YOU'RE NEXT.
WSSH
NOW!

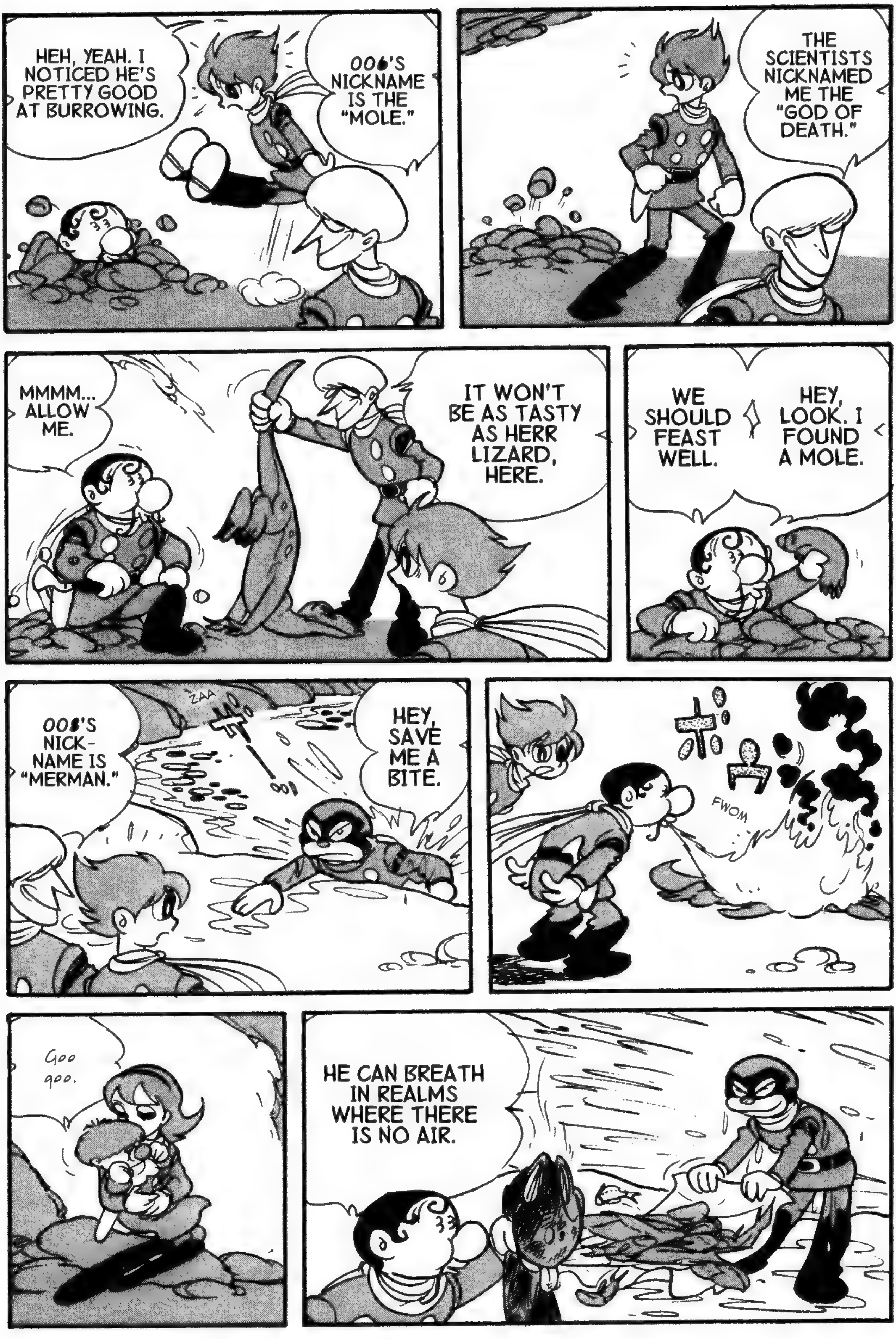

SPLASH
Goo goo.
BEAUTIFUL, 009!
WAASH
NOW SET IT DOWN GENTLY OVER HERE.
DA
DA
DA
SHUU

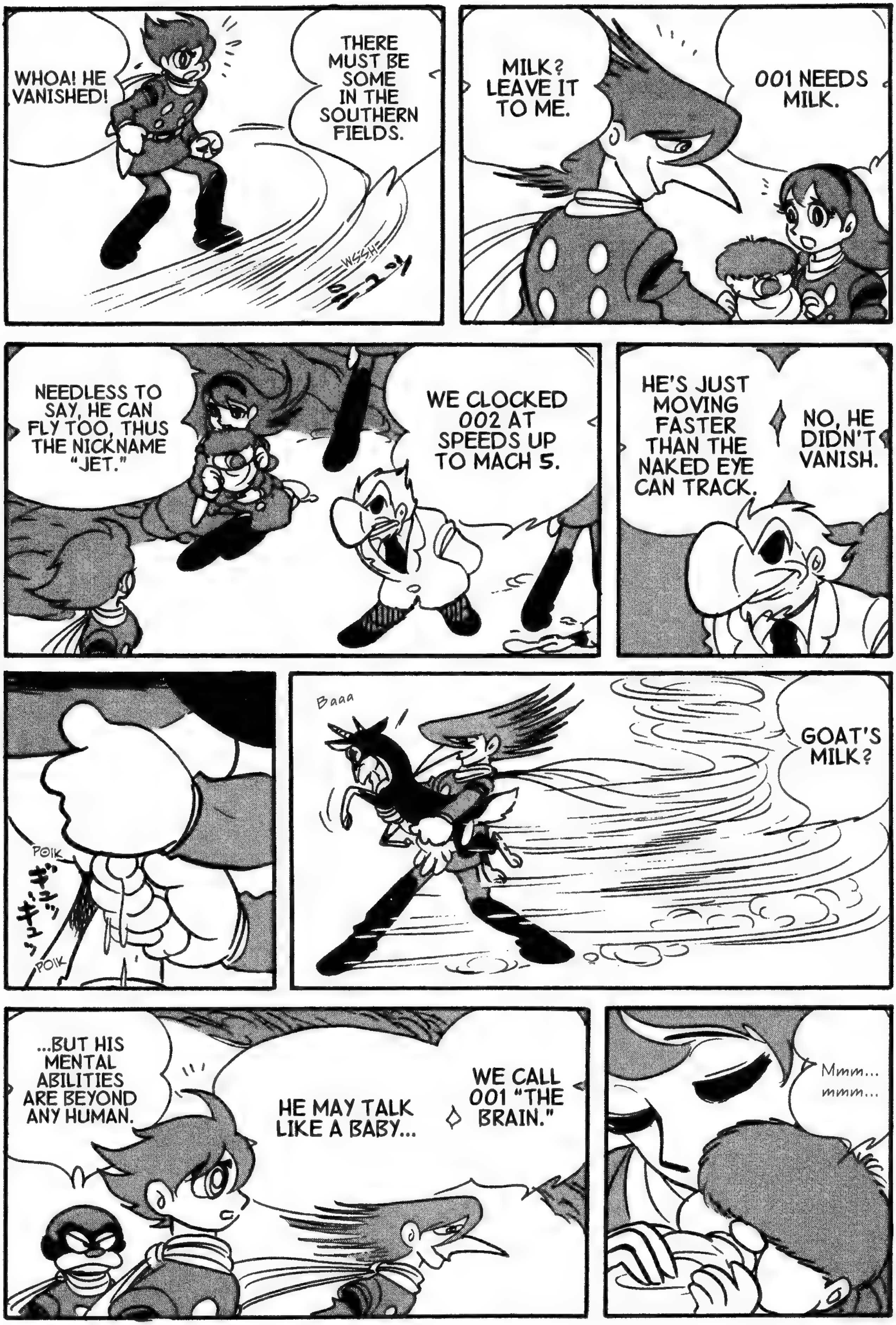

SQUEAK! SQUEAK!
SPLASH
SO, WHAT NOW?
WHAP
スパ
ANYONE HUNGRY? I COULD SURE EAT.

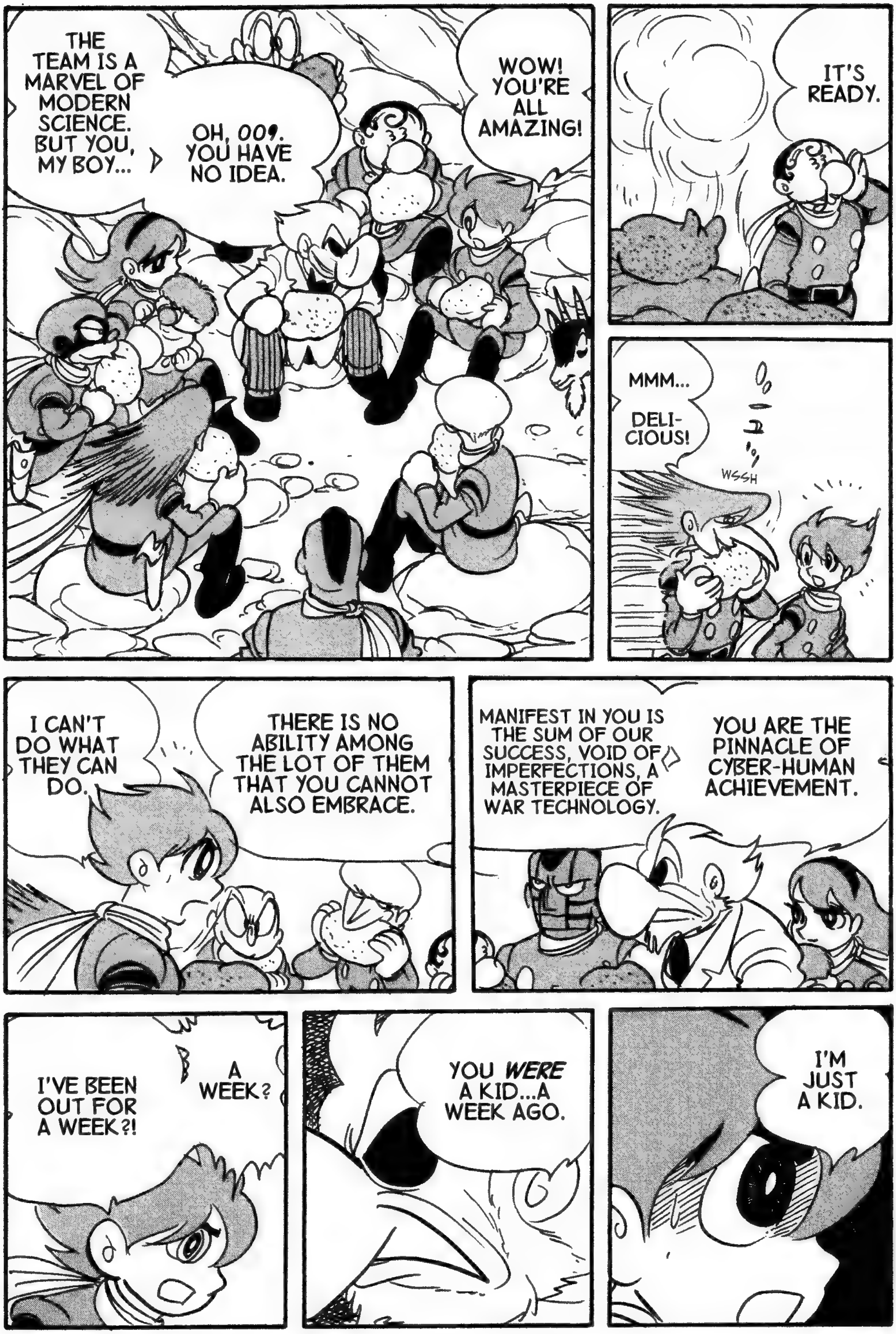
CHAPTER 7
10,000 VS. 10 WARRIORS

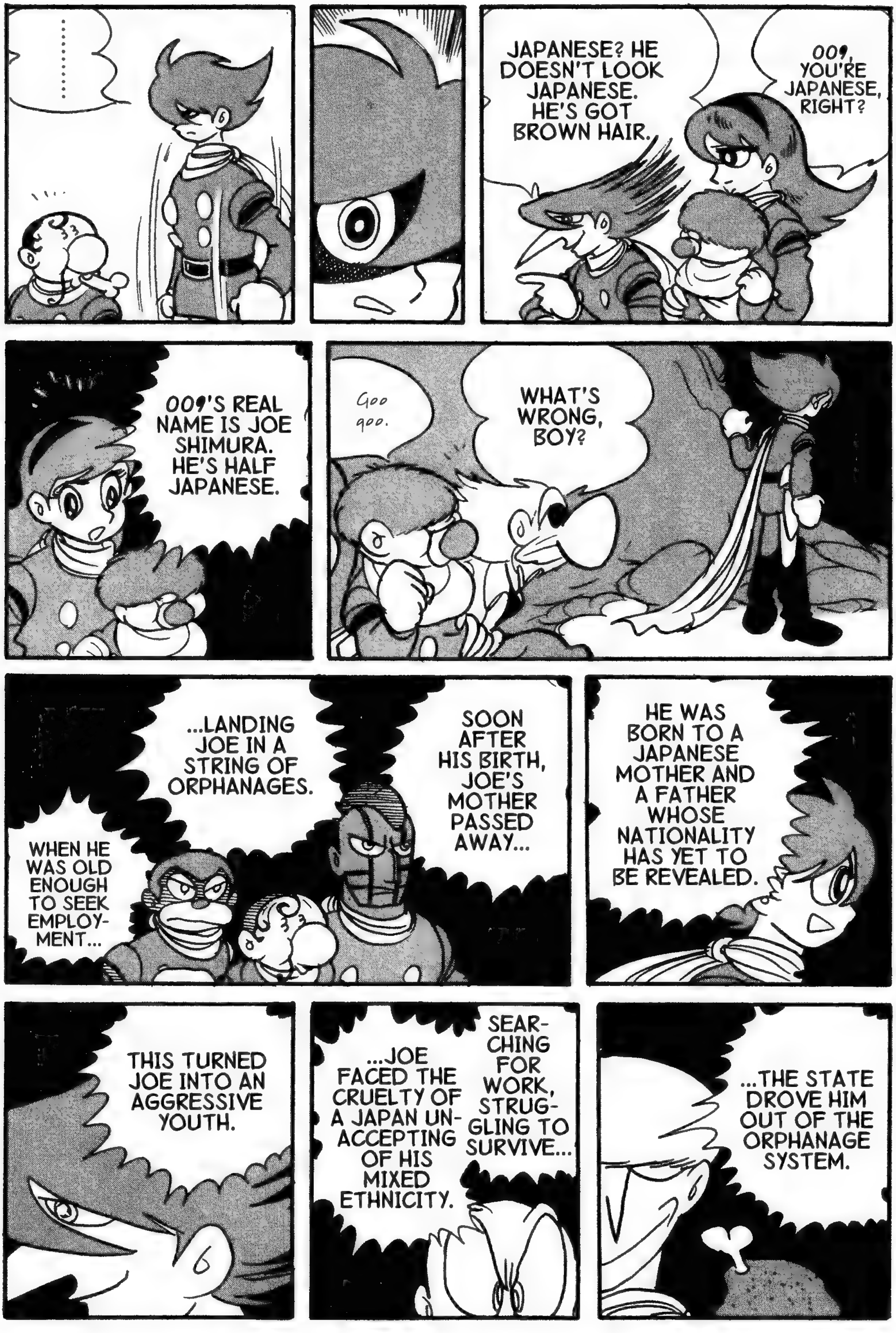

HERE'S A JUICY ONE.
THE TAILS ARE A DELICACY.
WHAT GOES WITH LIZARD?
RIGHT-O, GUV.
...ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.
WHAK
ガキ
IT'S HARD TO FIGHT ...

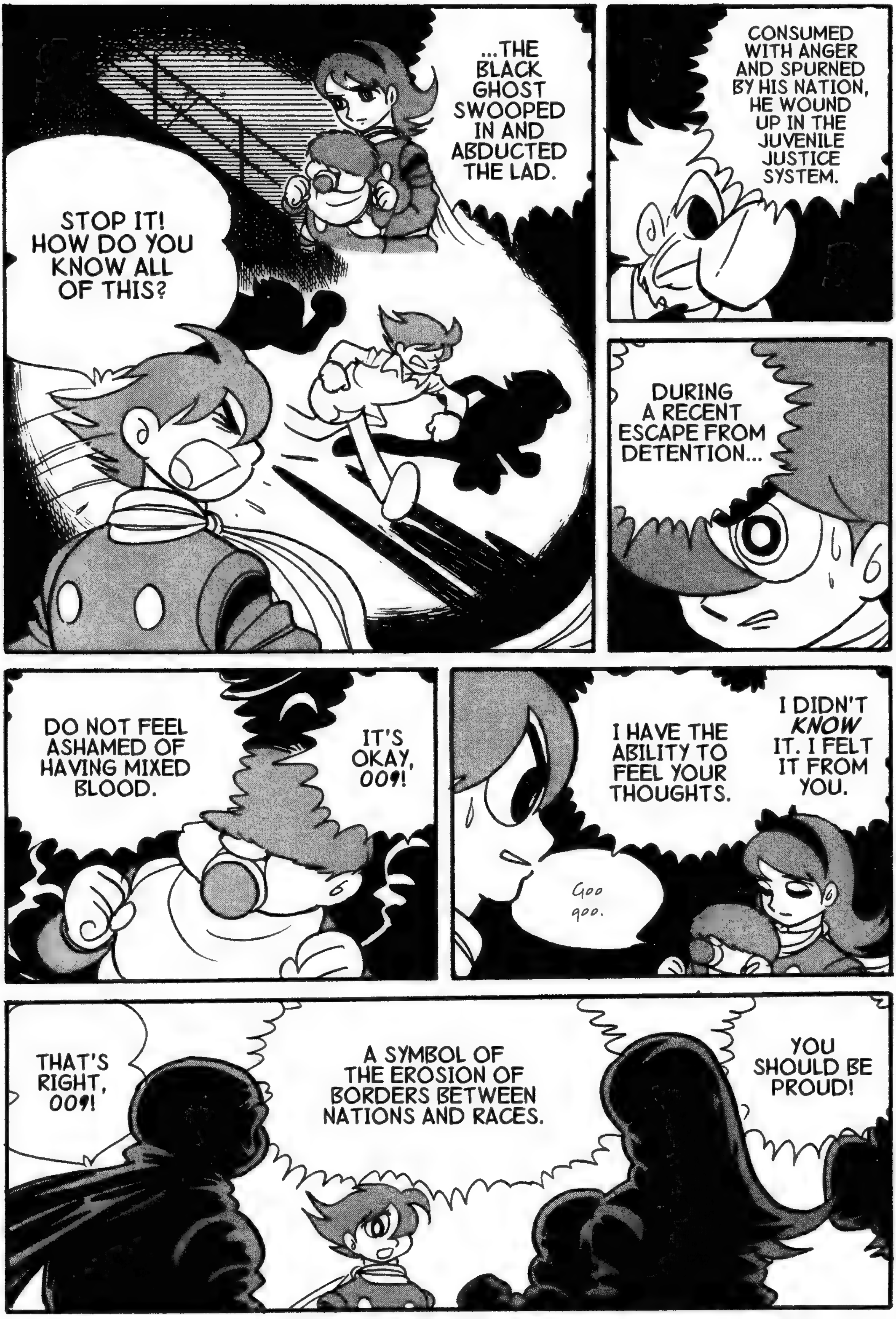

HEY! 002, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
SHUUM
I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH.
HOW ABOUT SOME FISH?
I MAKE AN EXCELLENT MINCED MEAT, YOU KNOW.
?
TO GET SOME POULTRY.
MY LEFT HAND CAN FUNCTION AS A KNIFE.
SMAK
IT'S LIKE I'M A LIVING, BREATHING WEAPON.
HAVEN'T EVEN TESTED MOST OF THEM.
IT DOES ALL SORTS OF TRICKS.
AND MY RIGHT HAND...A MACHINE GUN.
SEE!

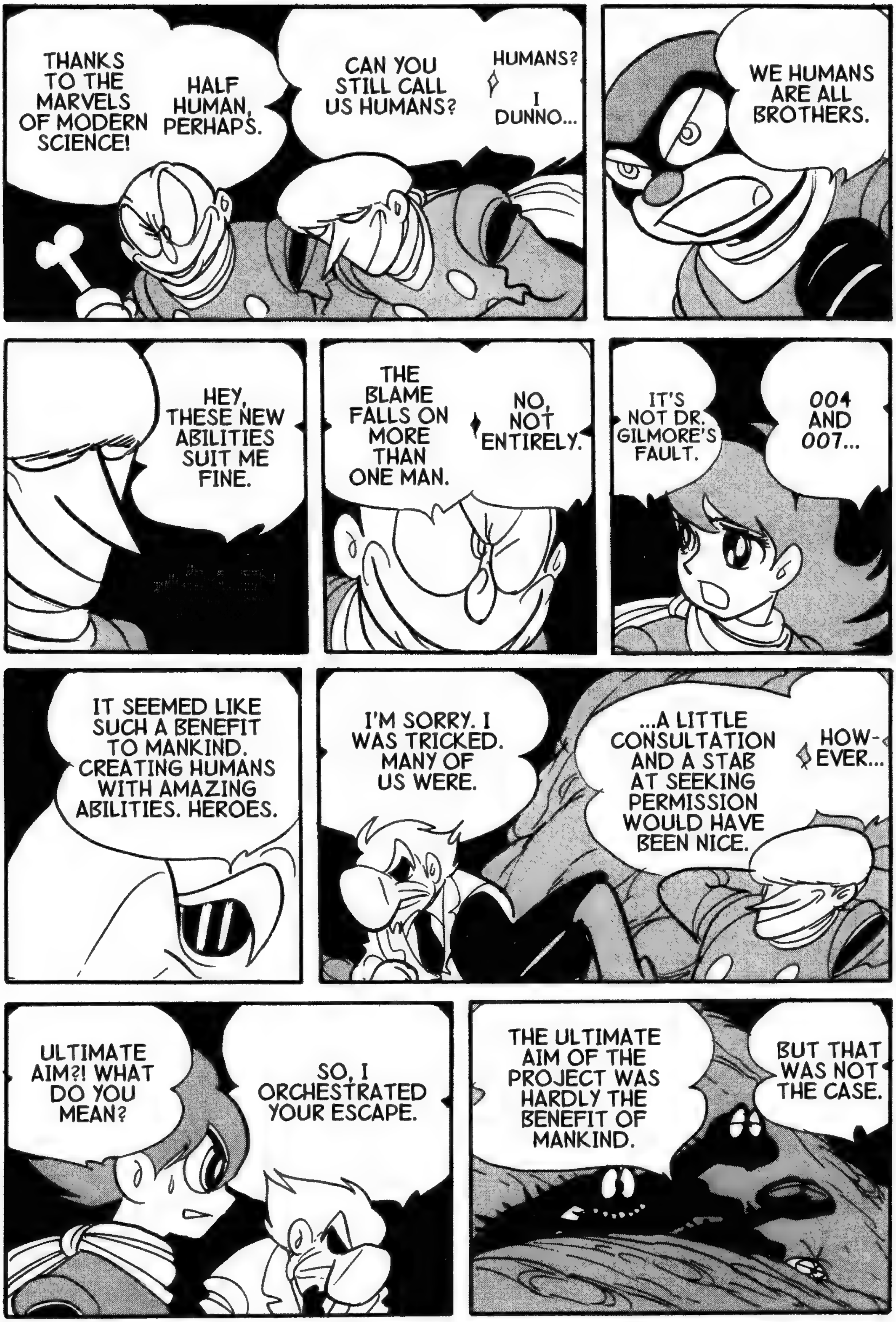

HEH, YEAH. I NOTICED HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT BURROWING.
006'S NICKNAME IS THE "MOLE."
THE SCIENTISTS NICKNAMED ME THE "GOD OF DEATH."
MMMM... ALLOW ME.
IT WON'T BE AS TASTY AS HERR LIZARD, HERE.
WE SHOULD FEAST WELL.
HEY, LOOK. I FOUND A MOLE.
008'S NICK-NAME IS "MERMAN."
ZAA
HEY, SAVE ME A BITE.
FWOM
Goo goo.
HE CAN BREATH IN REALMS WHERE THERE IS NO AIR.

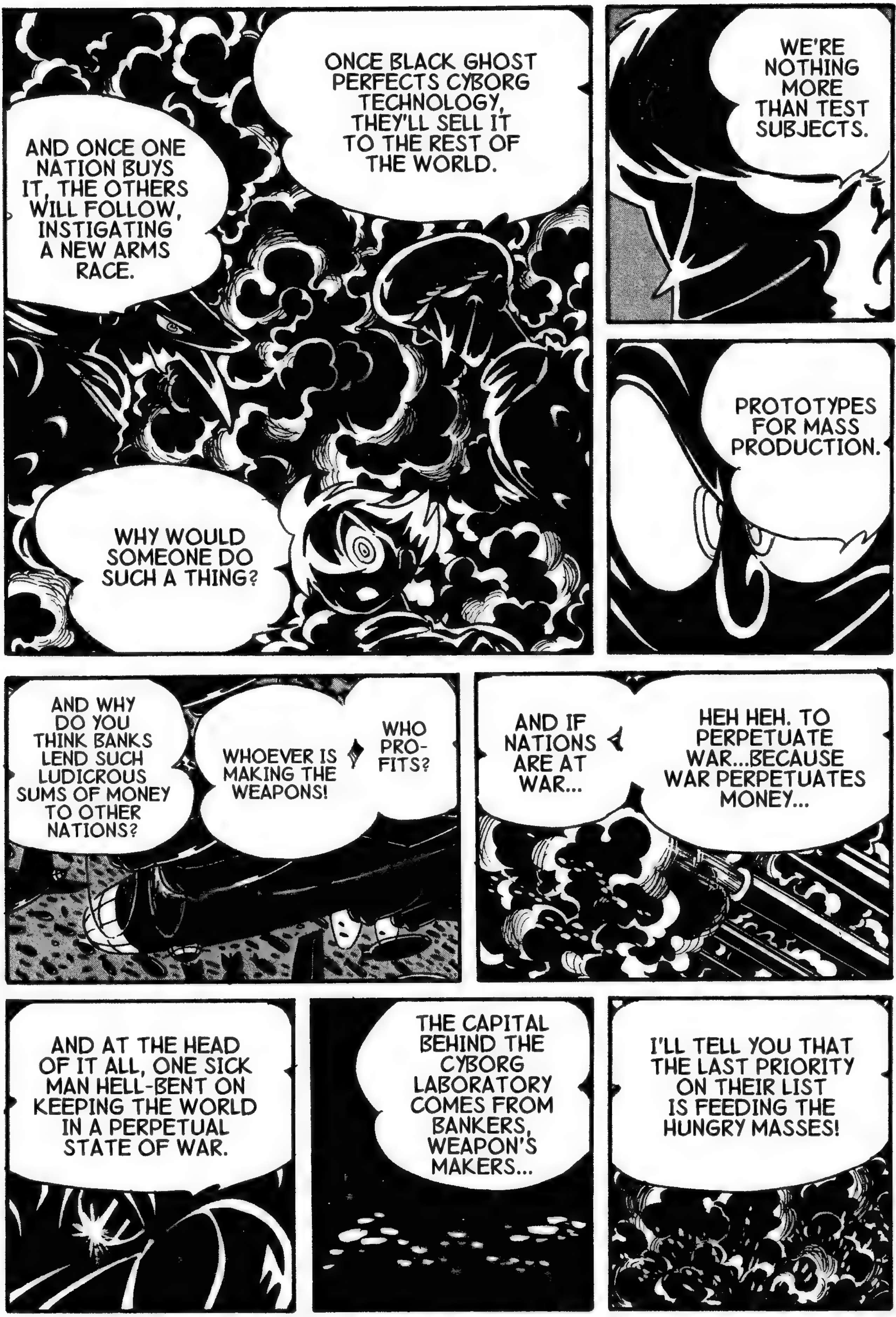

001 NEEDS MILK.
MILK? LEAVE IT TO ME.
THERE MUST BE SOME IN THE SOUTHERN FIELDS.
WHOA! HE VANISHED!
WSSHF
NO, HE DIDN'T VANISH.
HE'S JUST MOVING FASTER THAN THE NAKED EYE CAN TRACK.
WE CLOCKED 002 AT SPEEDS UP TO MACH 5.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, HE CAN FLY TOO, THUS THE NICKNAME "JET."
GOAT'S MILK?
Baaa
POIK
ギュッ
キュッ
POIK
Mmm... mmm...
WE CALL 001 "THE BRAIN."
HE MAY TALK LIKE A BABY...
...BUT HIS MENTAL ABILITIES ARE BEYOND ANY HUMAN.

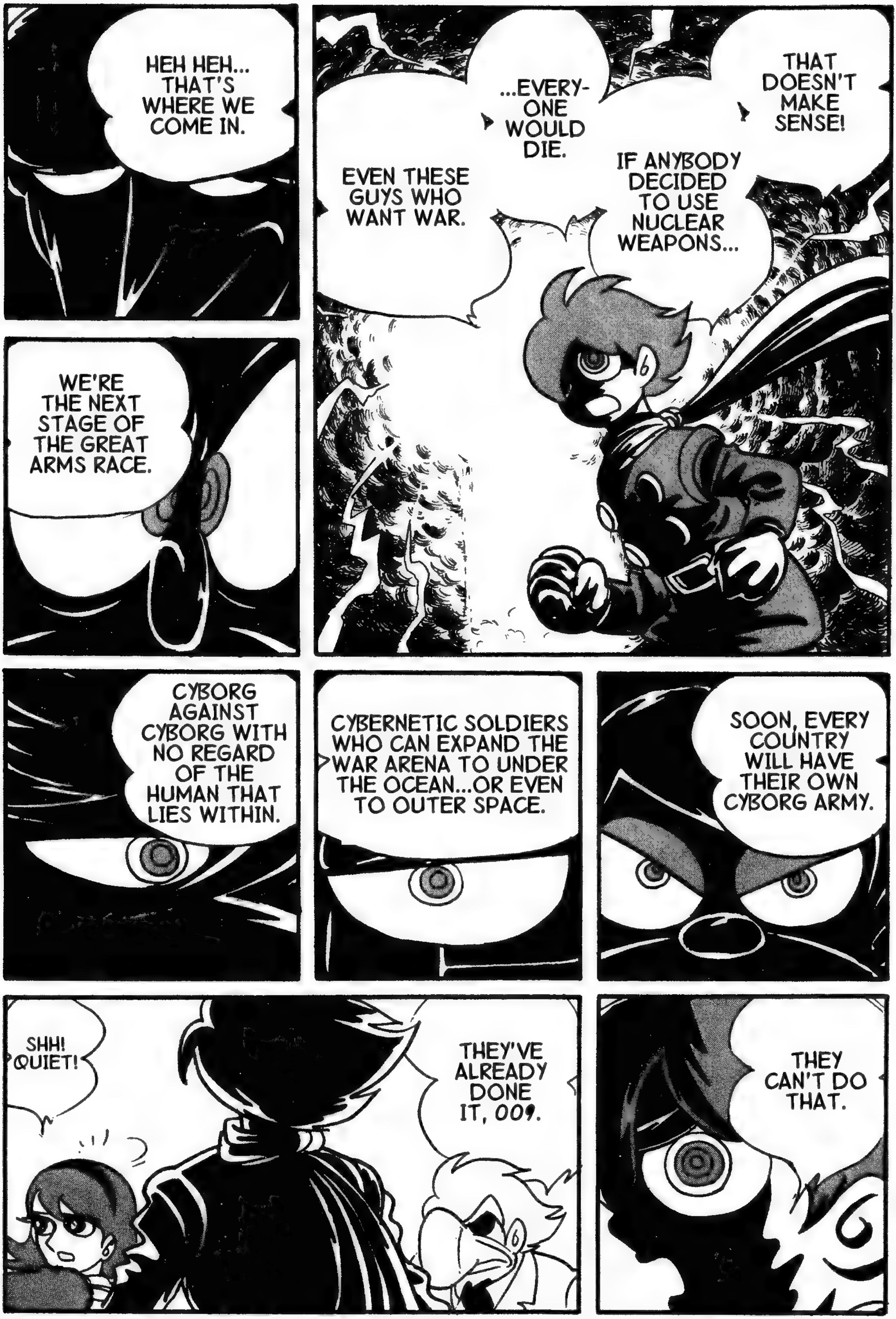

IT'S READY.
MMM...
DELICIOUS!
WSSH
WOW! YOU'RE ALL AMAZING!
OH, 009. YOU HAVE NO IDEA.
THE TEAM IS A MARVEL OF MODERN SCIENCE. BUT YOU, MY BOY...
YOU ARE THE PINNACLE OF CYBER-HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.
MANIFEST IN YOU IS THE SUM OF OUR SUCCESS, VOID OF IMPERFECTIONS, A MASTERPIECE OF WAR TECHNOLOGY.
THERE IS NO ABILITY AMONG THE LOT OF THEM THAT YOU CANNOT ALSO EMBRACE.
I CAN'T DO WHAT THEY CAN DO.
I'M JUST A KID.
YOU *WERE* A KID...A WEEK AGO.
A WEEK?
I'VE BEEN OUT FOR A WEEK?!

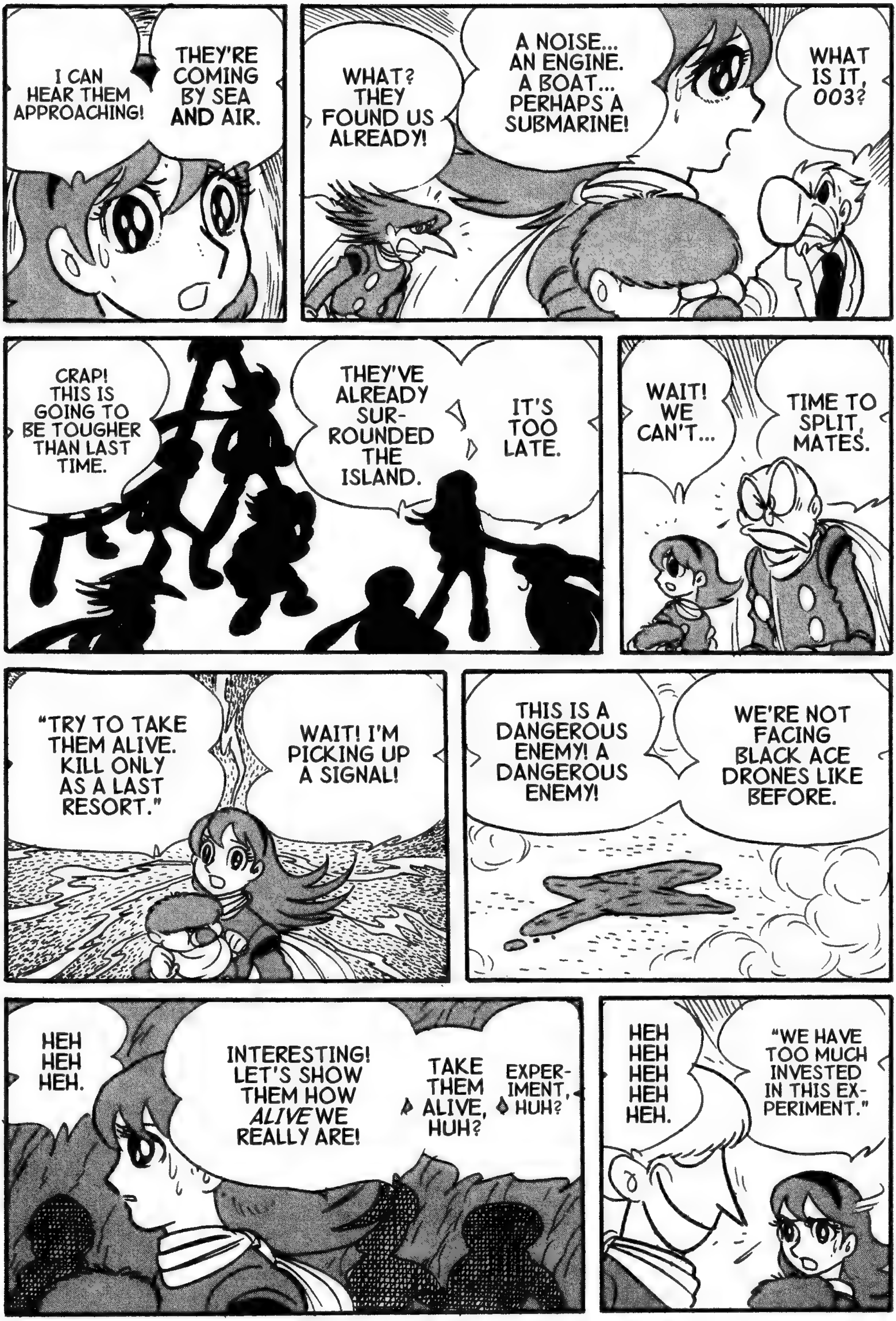

009, YOU'RE JAPANESE, RIGHT?
JAPANESE? HE DOESN'T LOOK JAPANESE. HE'S GOT BROWN HAIR.
......
WHAT'S WRONG, BOY?
Goo goo.
009'S REAL NAME IS JOE SHIMURA. HE'S HALF JAPANESE.
HE WAS BORN TO A JAPANESE MOTHER AND A FATHER WHOSE NATIONALITY HAS YET TO BE REVEALED.
SOON AFTER HIS BIRTH, JOE'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY...
...LANDING JOE IN A STRING OF ORPHANAGES.
WHEN HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT...
...THE STATE DROVE HIM OUT OF THE ORPHANAGE SYSTEM.
SEARCHING FOR WORK, STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE...
...JOE FACED THE CRUELTY OF A JAPAN UNACCEPTING OF HIS MIXED ETHNICITY.
THIS TURNED JOE INTO AN AGGRESSIVE YOUTH.

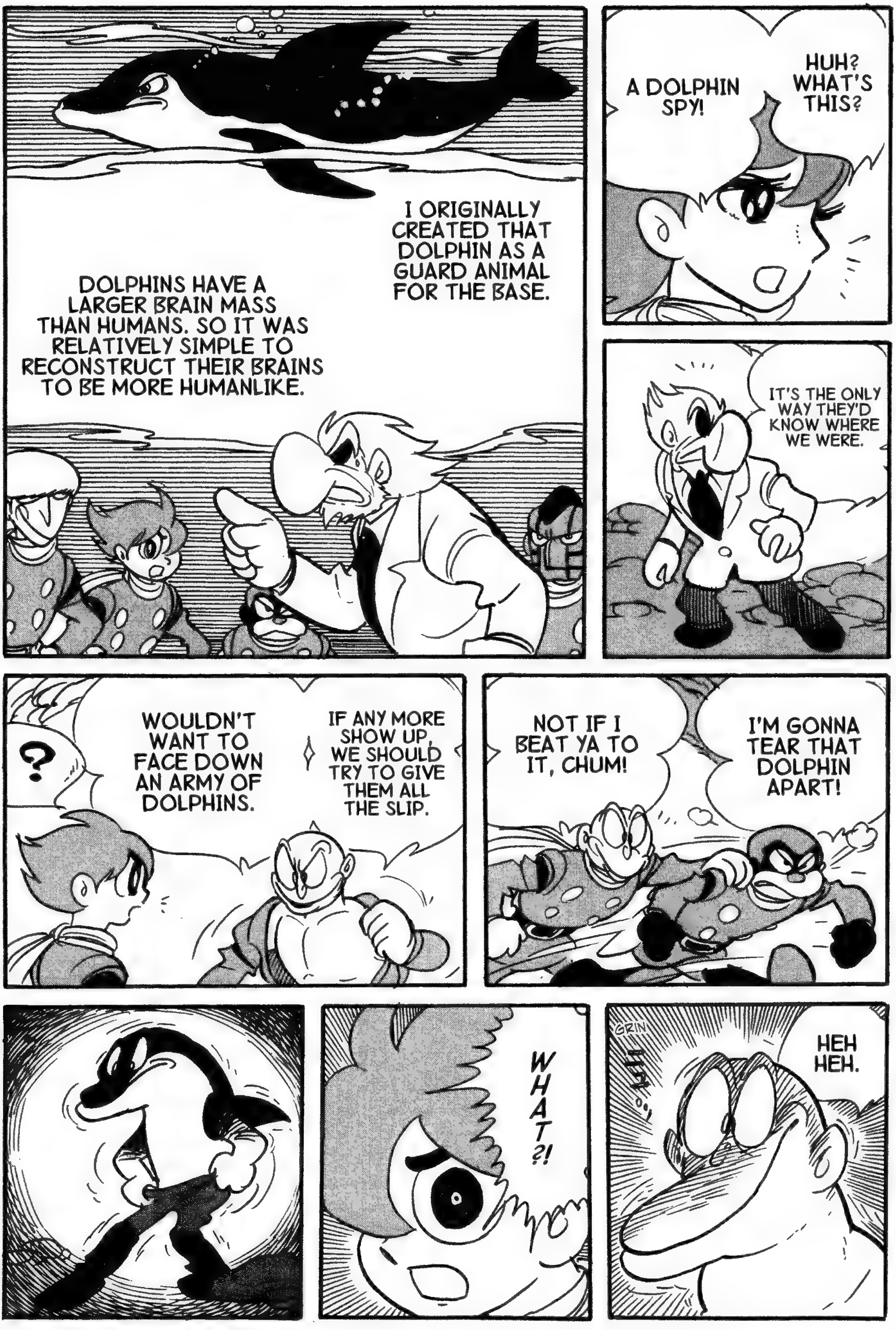

CONSUMED WITH ANGER AND SPURNED BY HIS NATION, HE WOUND UP IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
DURING A RECENT ESCAPE FROM DETENTION...
...THE BLACK GHOST SWOOPED IN AND ABDUCTED THE LAD.
STOP IT! HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS?
I DIDN'T *KNOW* IT. I FELT IT FROM YOU.
I HAVE THE ABILITY TO FEEL YOUR THOUGHTS.
Goo goo.
IT'S OKAY, 009!
DO NOT FEEL ASHAMED OF HAVING MIXED BLOOD.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!
A SYMBOL OF THE EROSION OF BORDERS BETWEEN NATIONS AND RACES.
THAT'S RIGHT, 009!

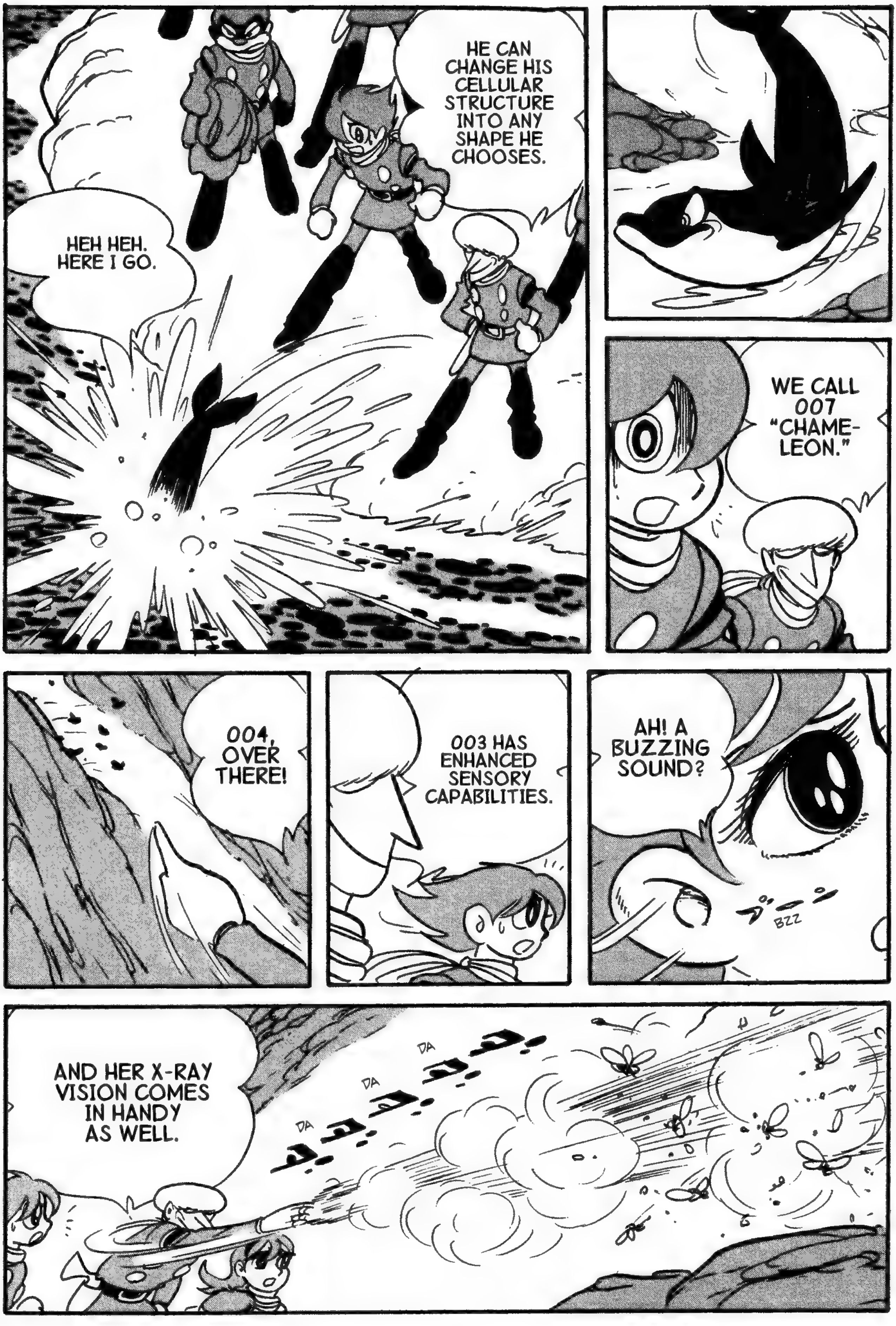

WE HUMANS ARE ALL BROTHERS.
HUMANS? I DUNNO...
CAN YOU STILL CALL US HUMANS?
HALF HUMAN, PERHAPS.
THANKS TO THE MARVELS OF MODERN SCIENCE!
004 AND 007...
IT'S NOT DR. GILMORE'S FAULT.
NO, NOT ENTIRELY.
THE BLAME FALLS ON MORE THAN ONE MAN.
HEY, THESE NEW ABILITIES SUIT ME FINE.
HOW-EVER...
...A LITTLE CONSULTATION AND A STAB AT SEEKING PERMISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE.
I'M SORRY. I WAS TRICKED. MANY OF US WERE.
IT SEEMED LIKE SUCH A BENEFIT TO MANKIND. CREATING HUMANS WITH AMAZING ABILITIES. HEROES.
BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.
THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THE PROJECT WAS HARDLY THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND.
SO, I ORCHESTRATED YOUR ESCAPE.
ULTIMATE AIM?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


WE'RE NOTHING MORE THAN TEST SUBJECTS.
PROTOTYPES FOR MASS PRODUCTION.
ONCE BLACK GHOST PERFECTS CYBORG TECHNOLOGY, THEY'LL SELL IT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.
AND ONCE ONE NATION BUYS IT, THE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW, INSTIGATING A NEW ARMS RACE.
WHY WOULD SOMEONE DO SUCH A THING?
HEH HEH. TO PERPETUATE WAR...BECAUSE WAR PERPETUATES MONEY...
AND IF NATIONS ARE AT WAR...
WHO PROFITS?
WHOEVER IS MAKING THE WEAPONS!
AND WHY DO YOU THINK BANKS LEND SUCH LUDICROUS SUMS OF MONEY TO OTHER NATIONS?
I'LL TELL YOU THAT THE LAST PRIORITY ON THEIR LIST IS FEEDING THE HUNGRY MASSES!
THE CAPITAL BEHIND THE CYBORG LABORATORY COMES FROM BANKERS, WEAPON'S MAKERS...
AND AT THE HEAD OF IT ALL, ONE SICK MAN HELL-BENT ON KEEPING THE WORLD IN A PERPETUAL STATE OF WAR.


THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
IF ANYBODY DECIDED TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS...
...EVERY-ONE WOULD DIE.
EVEN THESE GUYS WHO WANT WAR.
HEH HEH... THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN.
WE'RE THE NEXT STAGE OF THE GREAT ARMS RACE.
SOON, EVERY COUNTRY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CYBORG ARMY.
CYBERNETIC SOLDIERS WHO CAN EXPAND THE WAR ARENA TO UNDER THE OCEAN...OR EVEN TO OUTER SPACE.
CYBORG AGAINST CYBORG WITH NO REGARD OF THE HUMAN THAT LIES WITHIN.
THEY CAN'T DO THAT.
THEY'VE ALREADY DONE IT, 009.
SHH! QUIET!


WHAT IS IT, 003?
A NOISE... AN ENGINE. A BOAT... PERHAPS A SUBMARINE!
WHAT? THEY FOUND US ALREADY!
THEY'RE COMING BY SEA AND AIR.
I CAN HEAR THEM APPROACHING!
TIME TO SPLIT, MATES.
WAIT! WE CAN'T...
IT'S TOO LATE.
THEY'VE ALREADY SURROUNDED THE ISLAND.
CRAP! THIS IS GOING TO BE TOUGHER THAN LAST TIME.
WE'RE NOT FACING BLACK ACE DRONES LIKE BEFORE.
THIS IS A DANGEROUS ENEMY! A DANGEROUS ENEMY!
WAIT! I'M PICKING UP A SIGNAL!
"TRY TO TAKE THEM ALIVE. KILL ONLY AS A LAST RESORT."
"WE HAVE TOO MUCH INVESTED IN THIS EXPERIMENT."
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
EXPERIMENT, HUH?
TAKE THEM ALIVE, HUH?
INTERESTING! LET'S SHOW THEM HOW *ALIVE* WE REALLY ARE!
HEH HEH HEH.


HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
A DOLPHIN SPY!
I ORIGINALLY CREATED THAT DOLPHIN AS A GUARD ANIMAL FOR THE BASE.
DOLPHINS HAVE A LARGER BRAIN MASS THAN HUMANS. SO IT WAS RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO RECONSTRUCT THEIR BRAINS TO BE MORE HUMANLIKE.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY'D KNOW WHERE WE WERE.
I'M GONNA TEAR THAT DOLPHIN APART!
NOT IF I BEAT YA TO IT, CHUM!
IF ANY MORE SHOW UP, WE SHOULD TRY TO GIVE THEM ALL THE SLIP.
WOULDN'T WANT TO FACE DOWN AN ARMY OF DOLPHINS.
?
GRIN
HEH HEH.
WHAT?!


HE CAN CHANGE HIS CELLULAR STRUCTURE INTO ANY SHAPE HE CHOOSES.
HEH HEH. HERE I GO.
WE CALL 007 "CHAMELEON."
004, OVER THERE!
003 HAS ENHANCED SENSORY CAPABILITIES.
AH! A BUZZING SOUND?
BZZ
AND HER X-RAY VISION COMES IN HANDY AS WELL.
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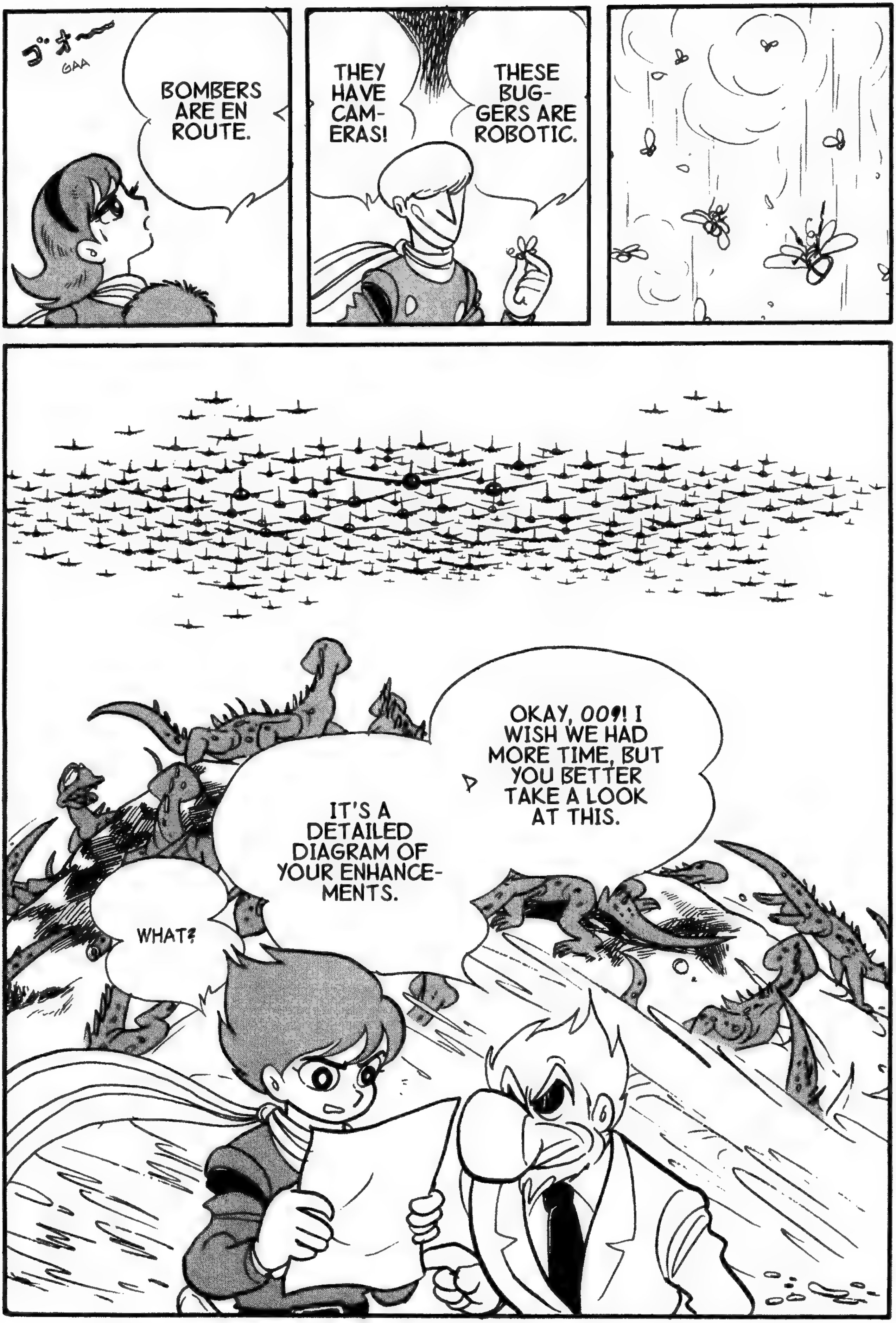
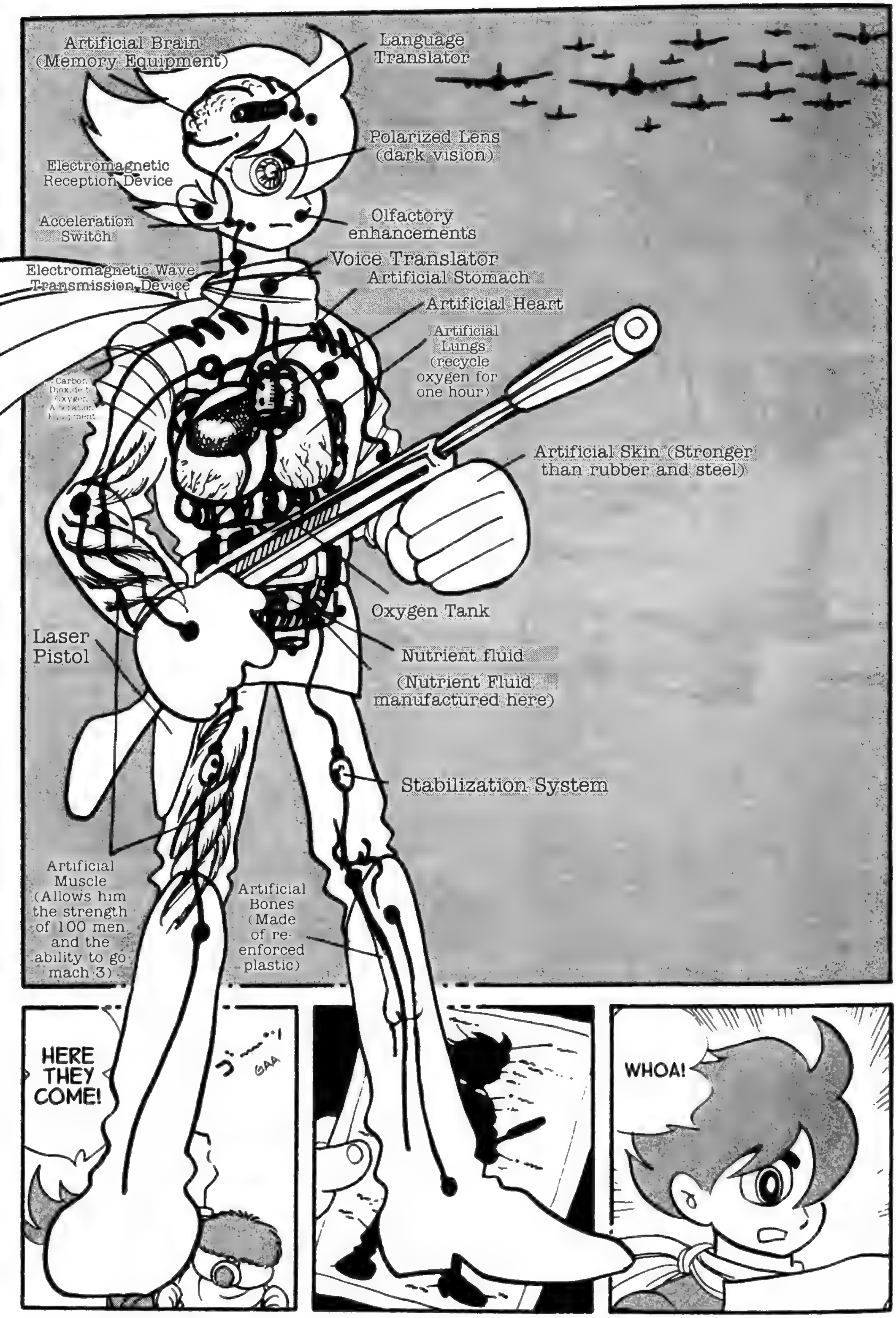
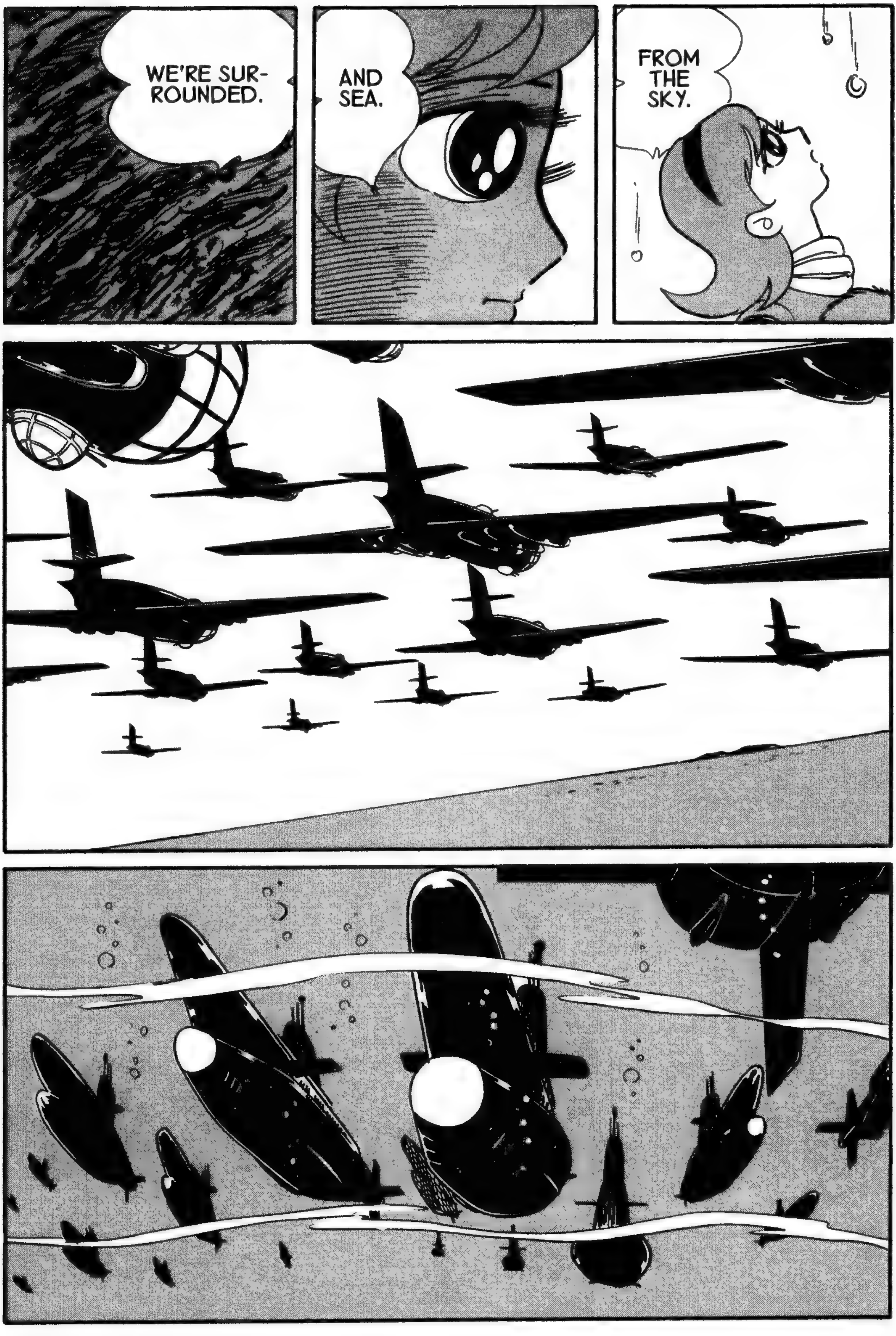
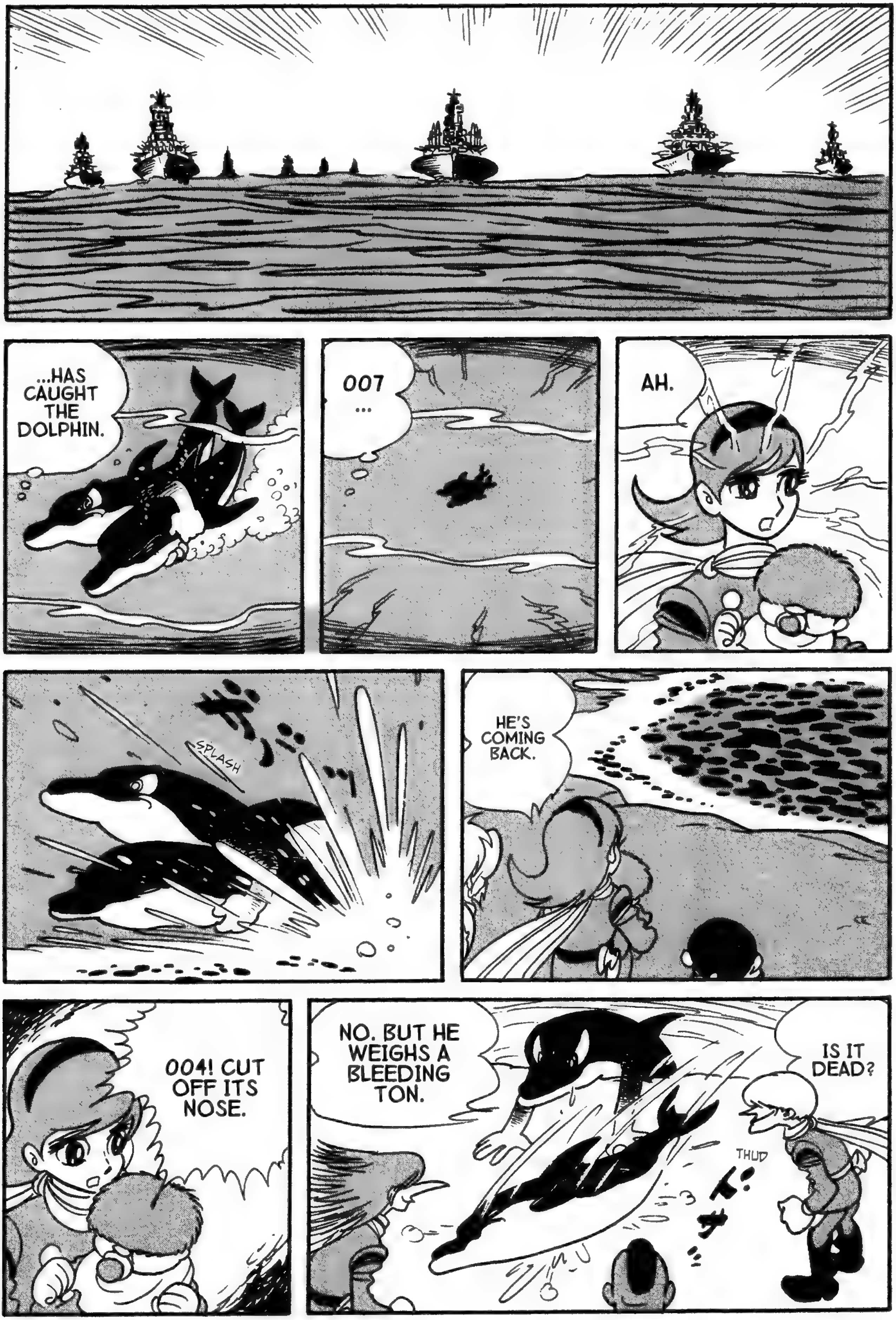
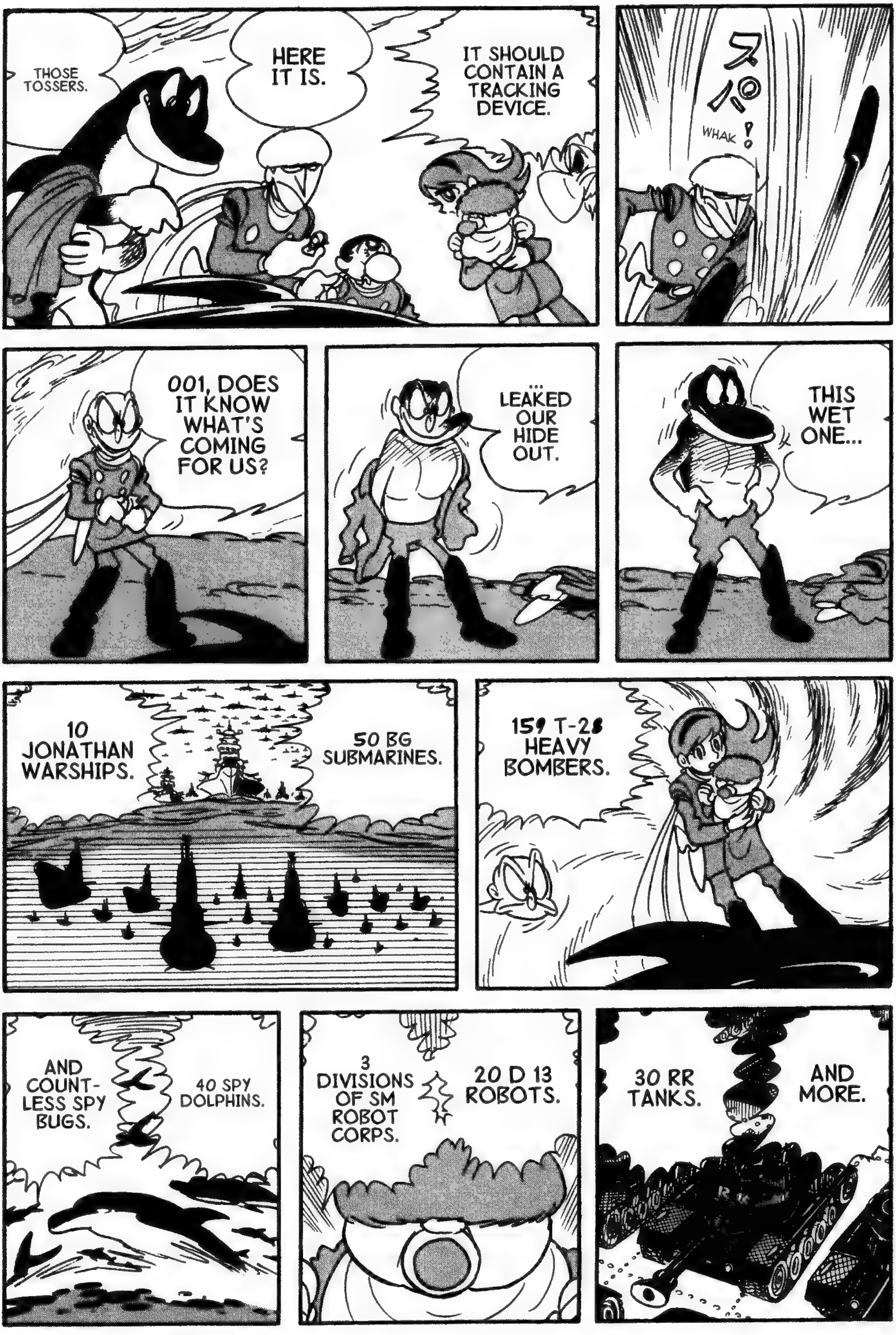
DA
DA


THESE BUGGERS ARE ROBOTIC.
THEY HAVE CAMERAS!
ゴオ～ GAA
BOMBERS ARE EN ROUTE.
OKAY, 009! I WISH WE HAD MORE TIME, BUT YOU BETTER TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
IT'S A DETAILED DIAGRAM OF YOUR ENHANCEMENTS.
WHAT?


Artificial Brain (Memory Equipment)
Language Translator
Polarized Lens (dark vision)
Electromagnetic Reception Device
Acceleration Switch
Olfactory enhancements
Voice Translator
Electromagnetic Wave Transmission Device
Artificial Stomach
Artificial Heart
Artificial Lungs (recycle oxygen for one hour)
Carbon Dioxide to Oxygen Alteration Equipment
Artificial Skin (Stronger than rubber and steel)
Oxygen Tank
Laser Pistol
Nutrient fluid
(Nutrient Fluid manufactured here)
Stabilization System
Artificial Muscle (Allows him the strength of 100 men and the ability to go mach 3)
Artificial Bones (Made of re-enforced plastic)
HERE THEY COME!
GAA
WHOA!


WE'RE SURROUNDED.
AND SEA.
FROM THE SKY.


...HAS CAUGHT THE DOLPHIN.
007 ...
AH.
SPLASH
HE'S COMING BACK.
004! CUT OFF ITS NOSE.
IS IT DEAD?
NO. BUT HE WEIGHS A BLEEDING TON.
THUD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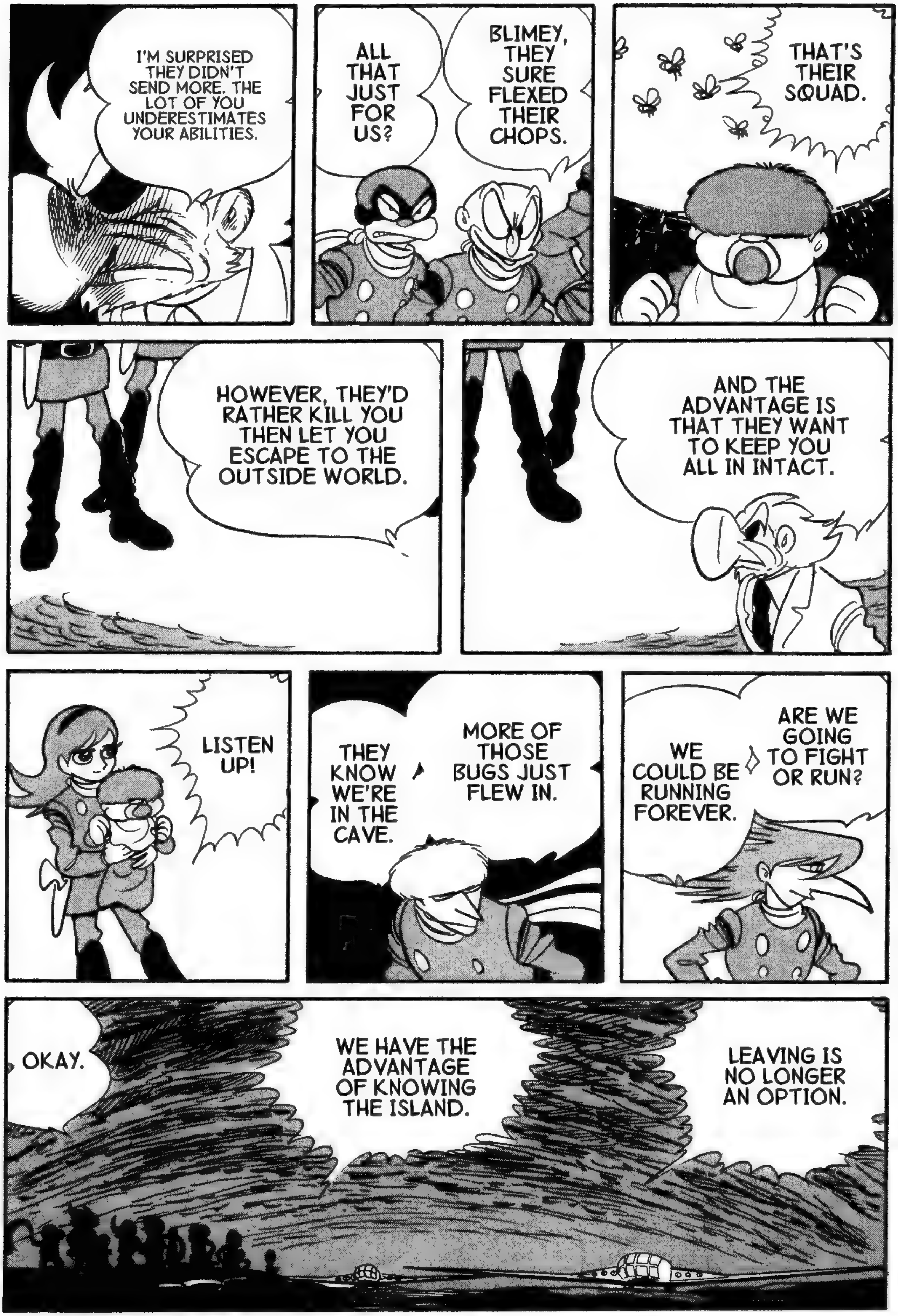
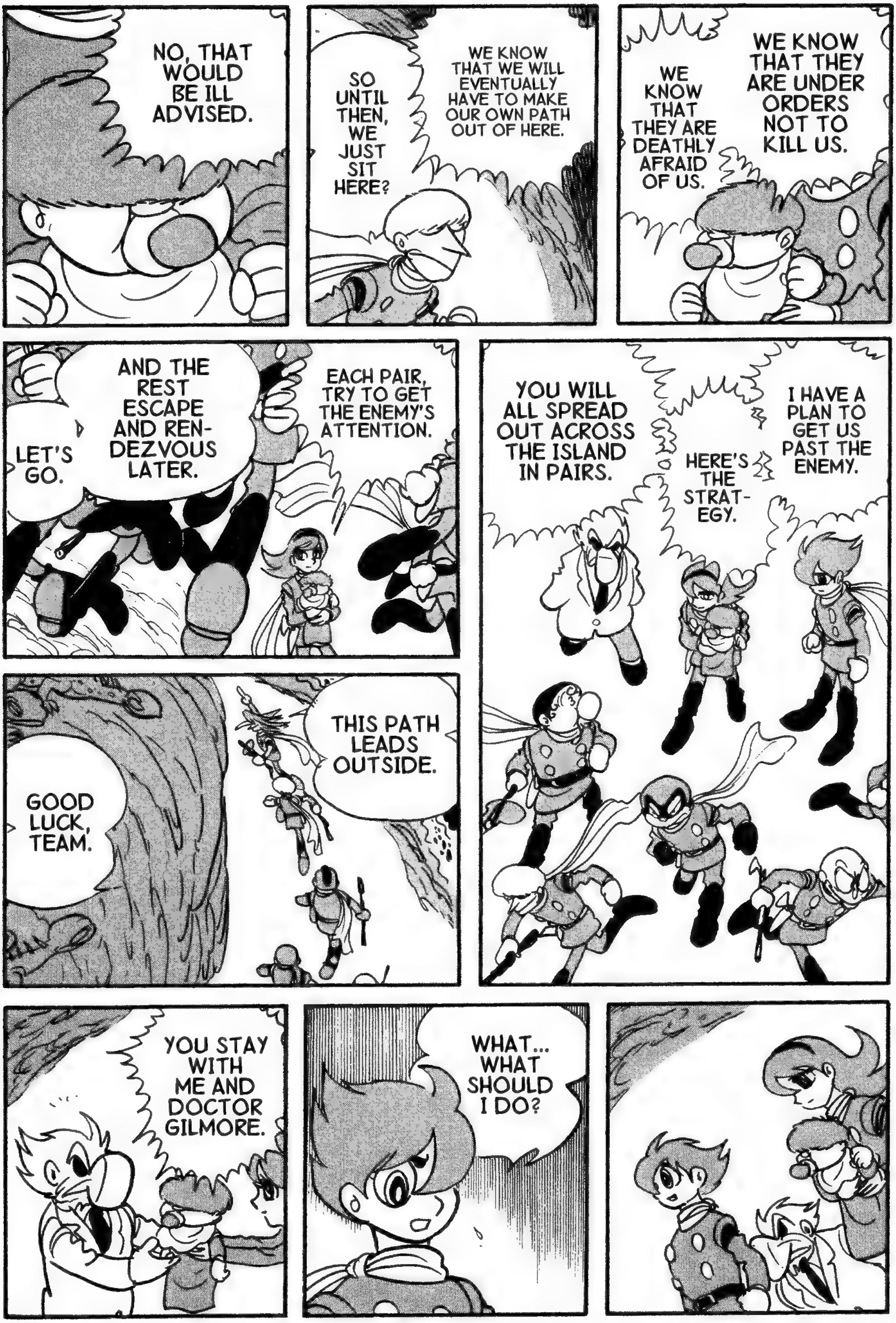
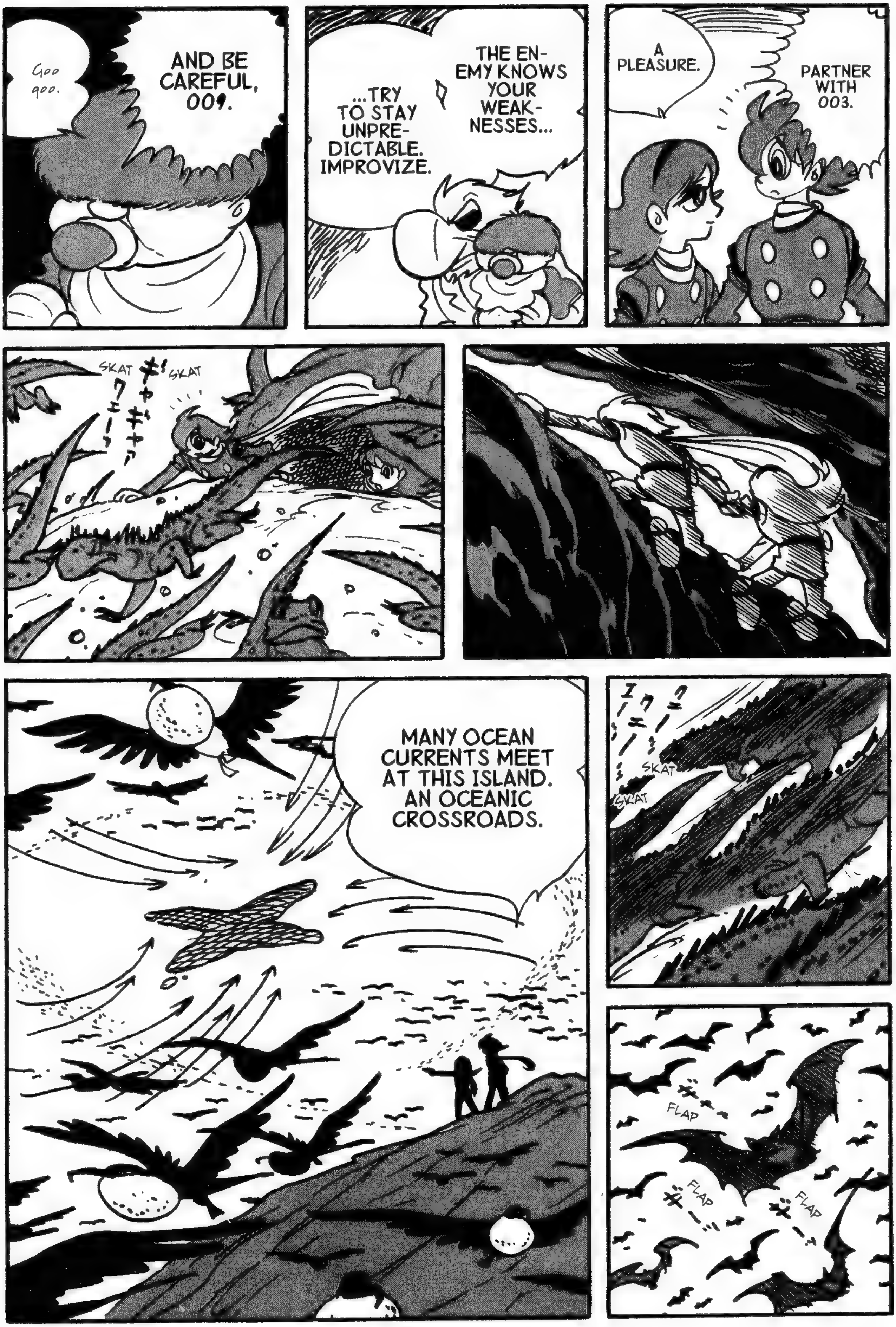
WHAK!
IT SHOULD CONTAIN A TRACKING DEVICE.
HERE IT IS.
THOSE TOSSERS.
THIS WET ONE...
...LEAKED OUR HIDE OUT.
001, DOES IT KNOW WHAT'S COMING FOR US?
159 T-28 HEAVY BOMBERS.
50 BG SUBMARINES.
10 JONATHAN WARSHIPS.
AND MORE.
30 RR TANKS.
20 D 13 ROBOTS.
3 DIVISIONS OF SM ROBOT CORPS.
40 SPY DOLPHINS.
AND COUNT-LESS SPY BUGS.


I'M SURPRISED THEY DIDN'T SEND MORE. THE LOT OF YOU UNDERESTIMATES YOUR ABILITIES.
BLIMEY, THEY SURE FLEXED THEIR CHOPS.
ALL THAT JUST FOR US?
THAT'S THEIR SQUAD.
HOWEVER, THEY'D RATHER KILL YOU THEN LET YOU ESCAPE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
AND THE ADVANTAGE IS THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP YOU ALL IN INTACT.
LISTEN UP!
MORE OF THOSE BUGS JUST FLEW IN.
THEY KNOW WE'RE IN THE CAVE.
ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT OR RUN?
WE COULD BE RUNNING FOREVER.
LEAVING IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.
WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF KNOWING THE ISLAND.
OKAY.


WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE UNDER ORDERS NOT TO KILL US.
WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE DEATHLY AFRAID OF US.
WE KNOW THAT WE WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO MAKE OUR OWN PATH OUT OF HERE.
SO UNTIL THEN, WE JUST SIT HERE?
NO, THAT WOULD BE ILL ADVISED.
I HAVE A PLAN TO GET US PAST THE ENEMY.
HERE'S THE STRATEGY.
YOU WILL ALL SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE ISLAND IN PAIRS.
EACH PAIR, TRY TO GET THE ENEMY'S ATTENTION.
AND THE REST ESCAPE AND RENDEZVOUS LATER.
LET'S GO.
THIS PATH LEADS OUTSIDE.
GOOD LUCK, TEAM.
WHAT... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU STAY WITH ME AND DOCTOR GILMORE.


PARTNER WITH 003.
A PLEASURE.
THE ENEMY KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESSES...
...TRY TO STAY UNPREDICTABLE. IMPROVIZE.
AND BE CAREFUL, 009.
Goo goo.
SKAT
SKAT
ギャギャア
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FLAP
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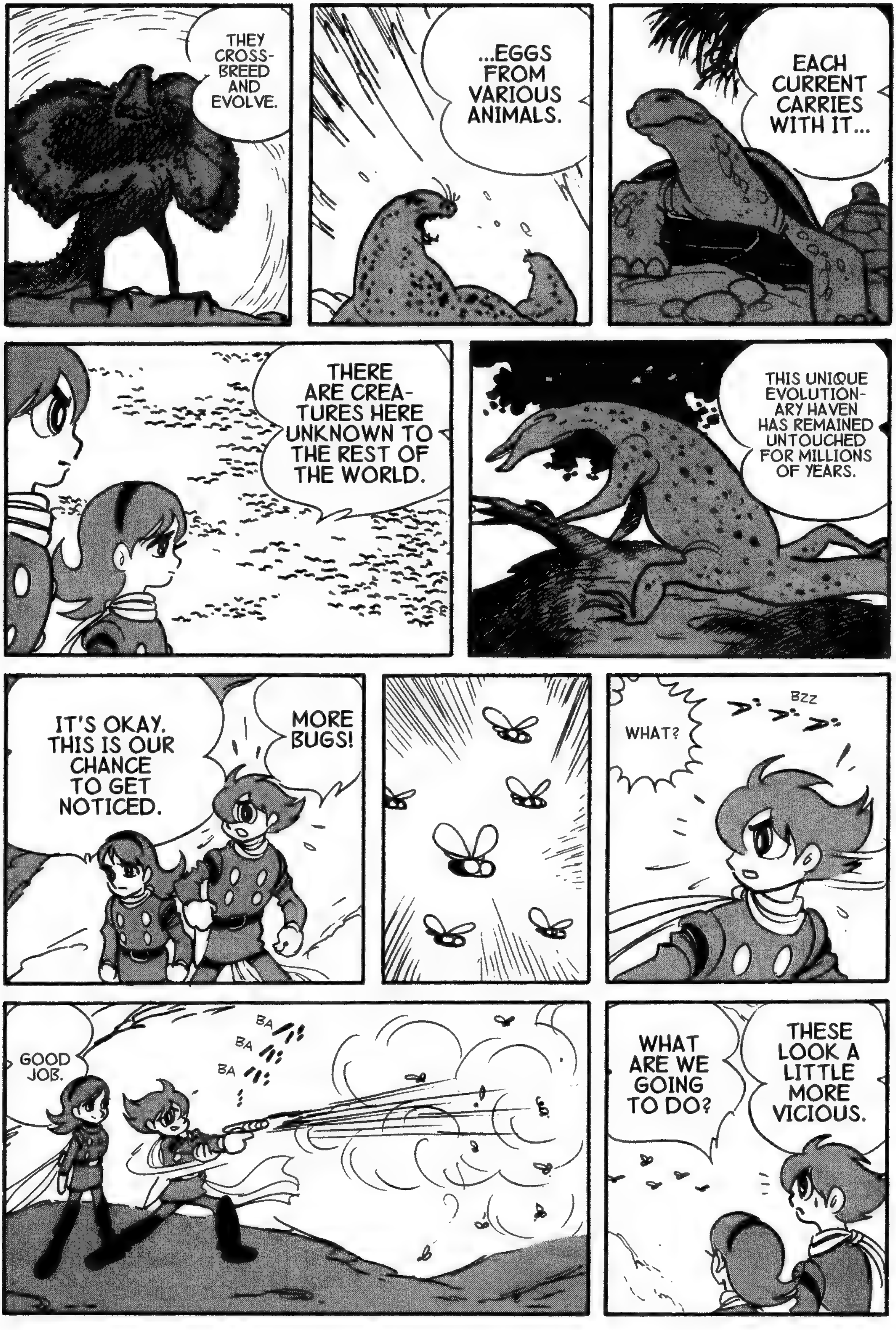
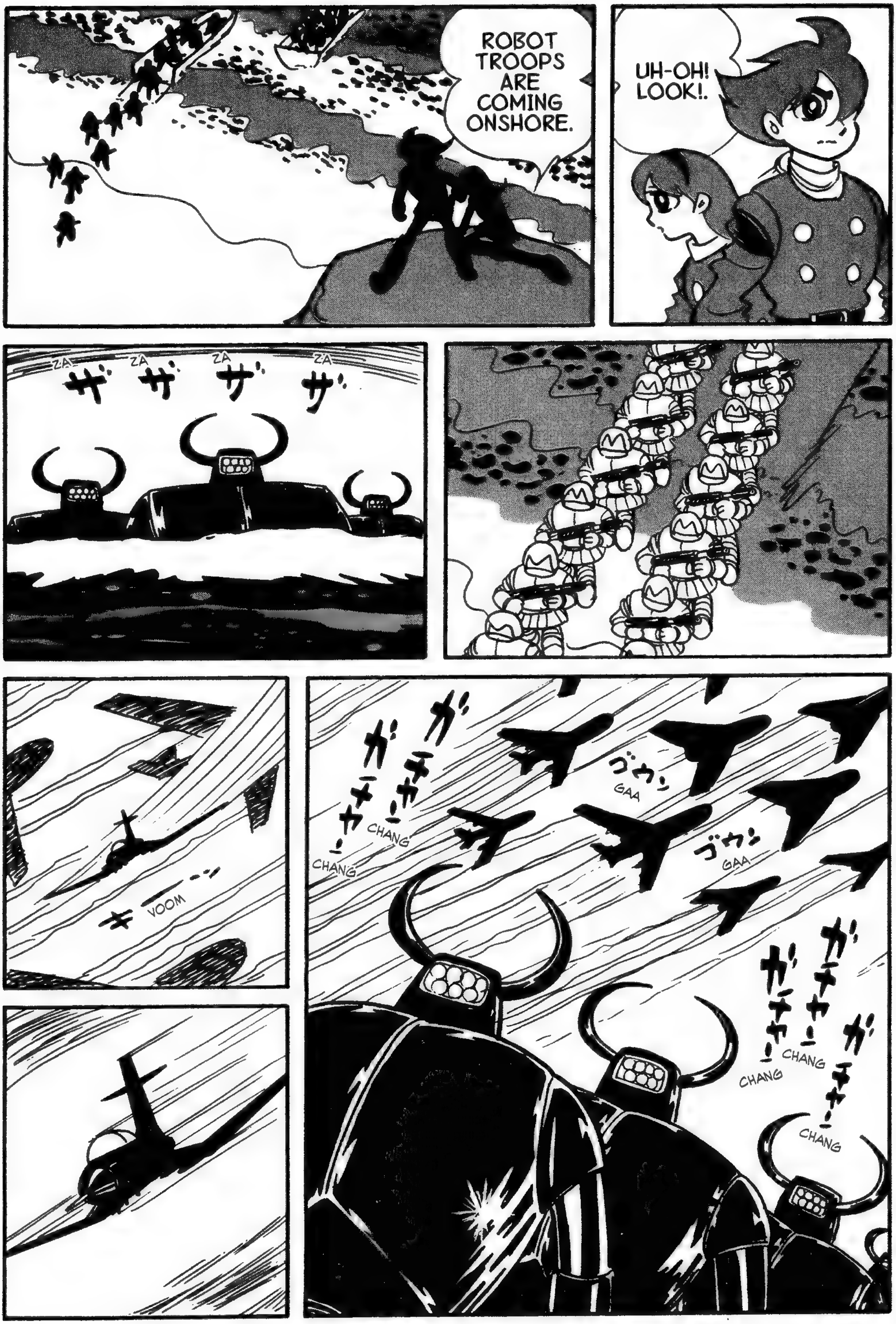
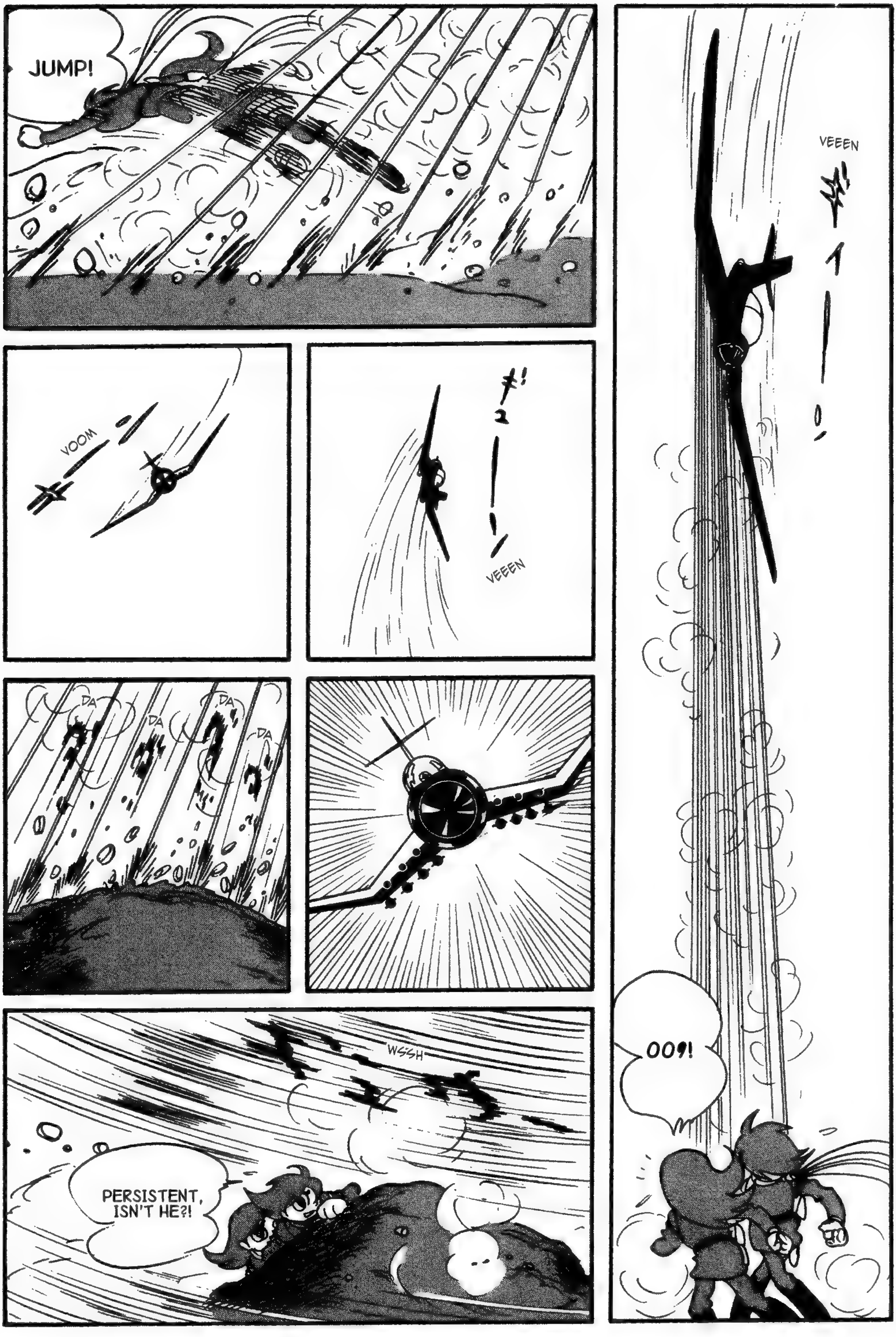
FLAP
MANY OCEAN CURRENTS MEET AT THIS ISLAND. AN OCEANIC CROSSROADS.


EACH CURRENT CARRIES WITH IT...
...EGGS FROM VARIOUS ANIMALS.
THEY CROSS-BREED AND EVOLVE.
THIS UNIQUE EVOLUTIONARY HAVEN HAS REMAINED UNTOUCHED FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS.
THERE ARE CREATURES HERE UNKNOWN TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.
BZZ
WHAT?
MORE BUGS!
IT'S OKAY. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET NOTICED.
THESE LOOK A LITTLE MORE VICIOUS.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
BA BA BA
GOOD JOB.


UH-OH! LOOK!.
ROBOT TROOPS ARE COMING ONSHORE.
ザ ザ ザ ザ
ZA ZA ZA ZA
ガチャー! ガチャー! ガチャー!
CHANG CHANG CHANG
ゴウン GAA
ゴウン GAA
ガチャー! ガチャー!
CHANG CHANG
VOOM


VEEEN
ギューン!
009!
JUMP!
ギューン!
VEEEN
VOOM
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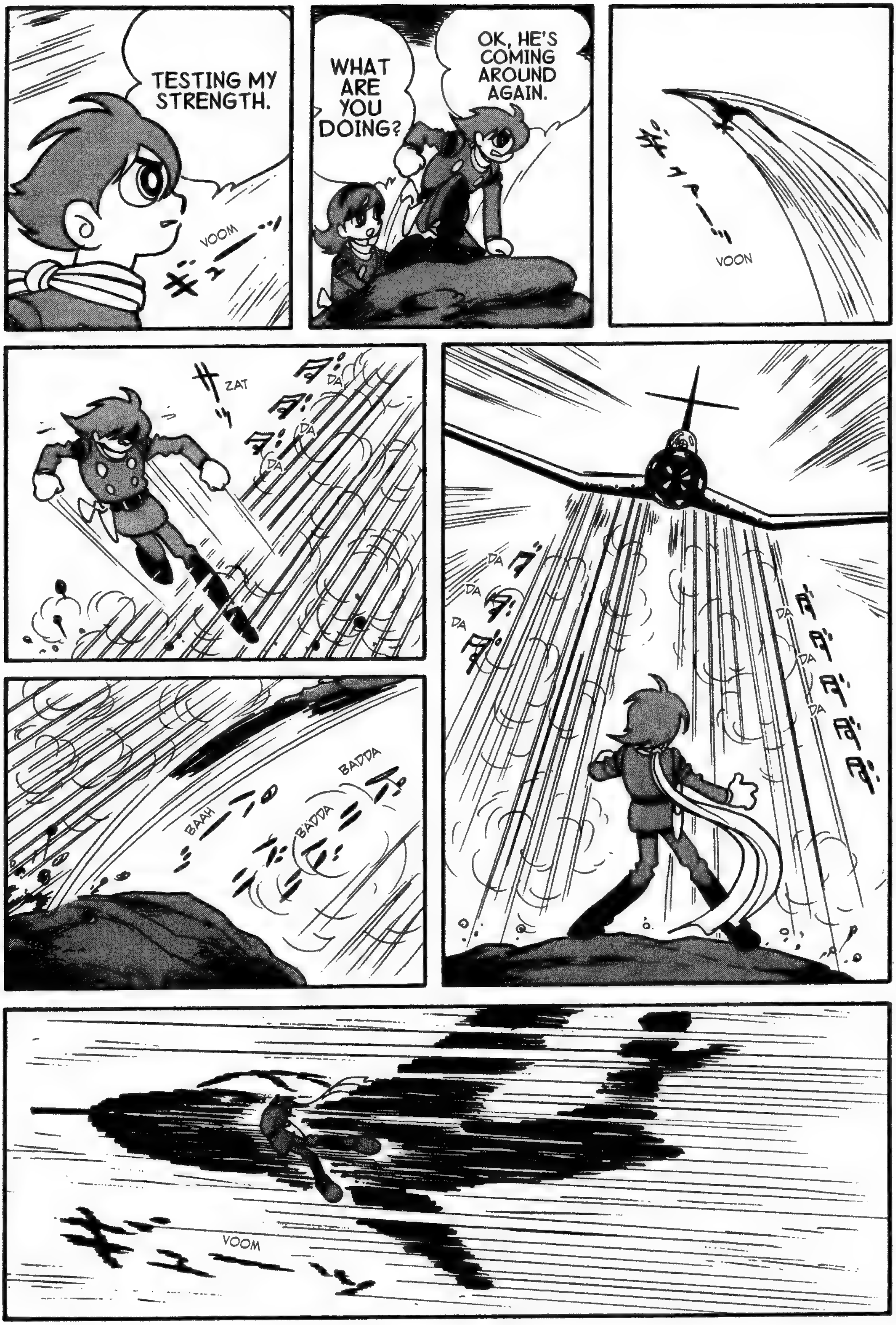
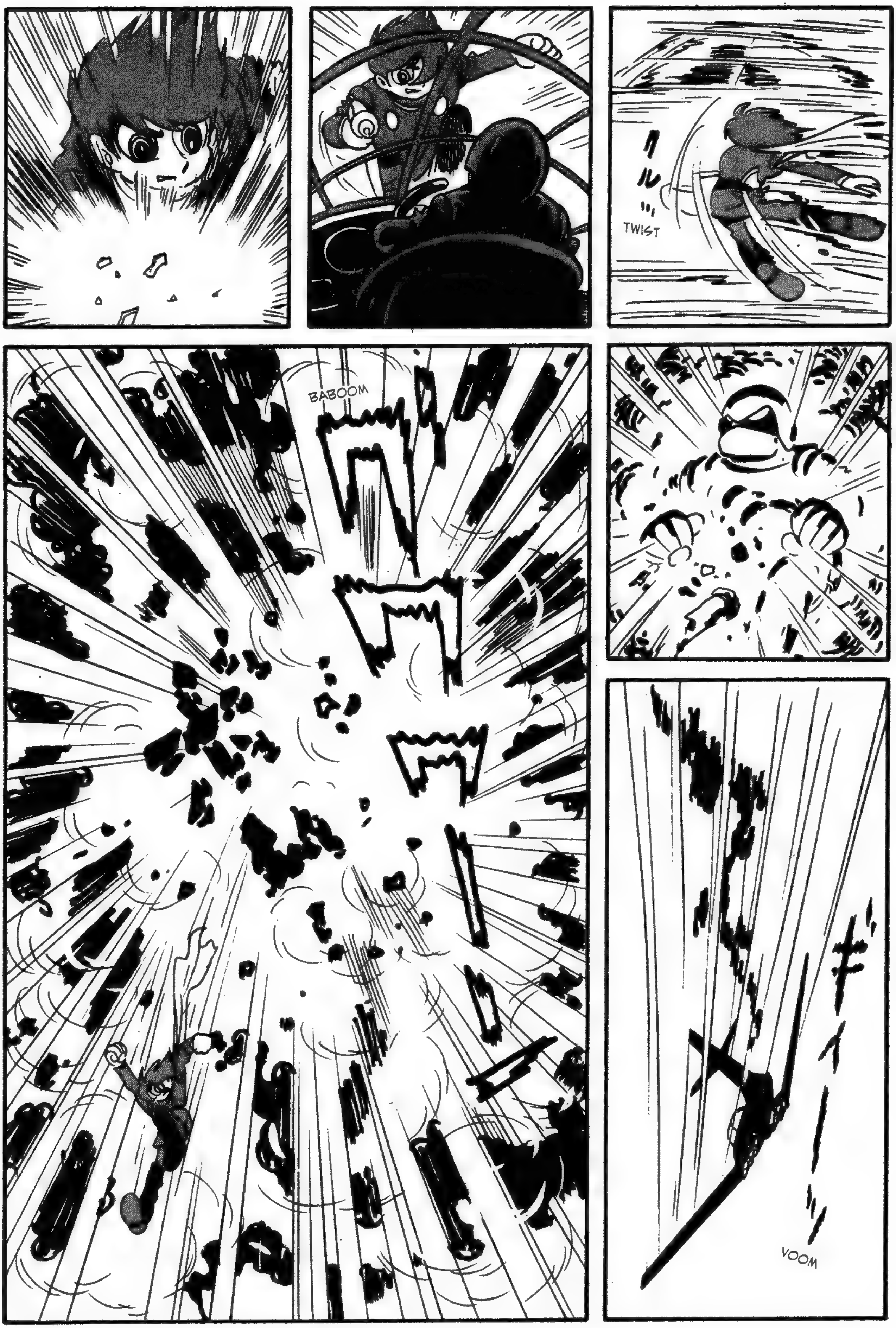
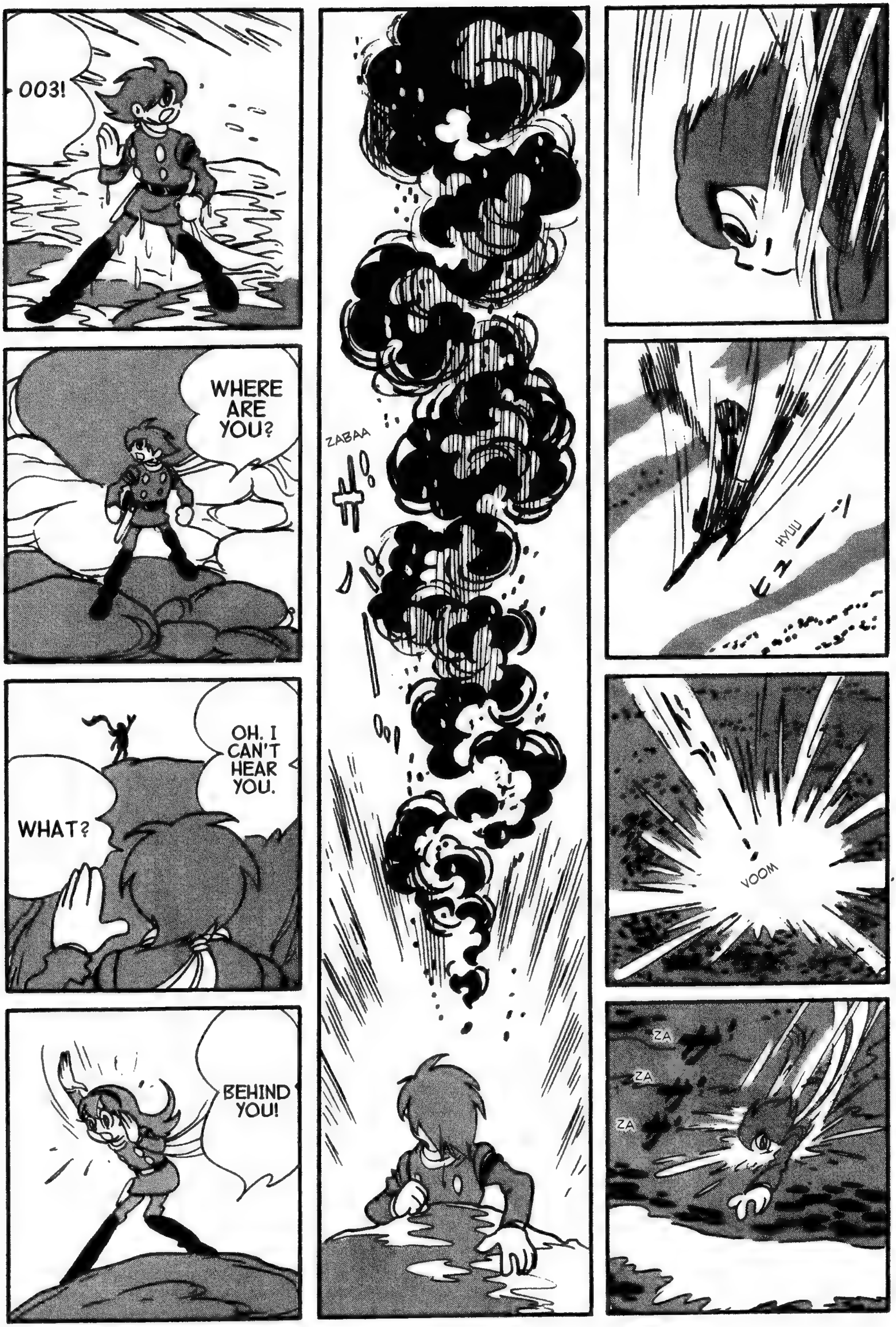
DA
WSSH
PERSISTENT, ISN'T HE?!


VOON
OK, HE'S COMING AROUND AGAIN.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TESTING MY STRENGTH.
VOOM
DA DA DA DA DA DA
ZAT
DA DA DA
BADDA
BADDA
BAAH
VOOM


クル
TWIST
BABOOM
VOOM


HYUU
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VOOM
ZA
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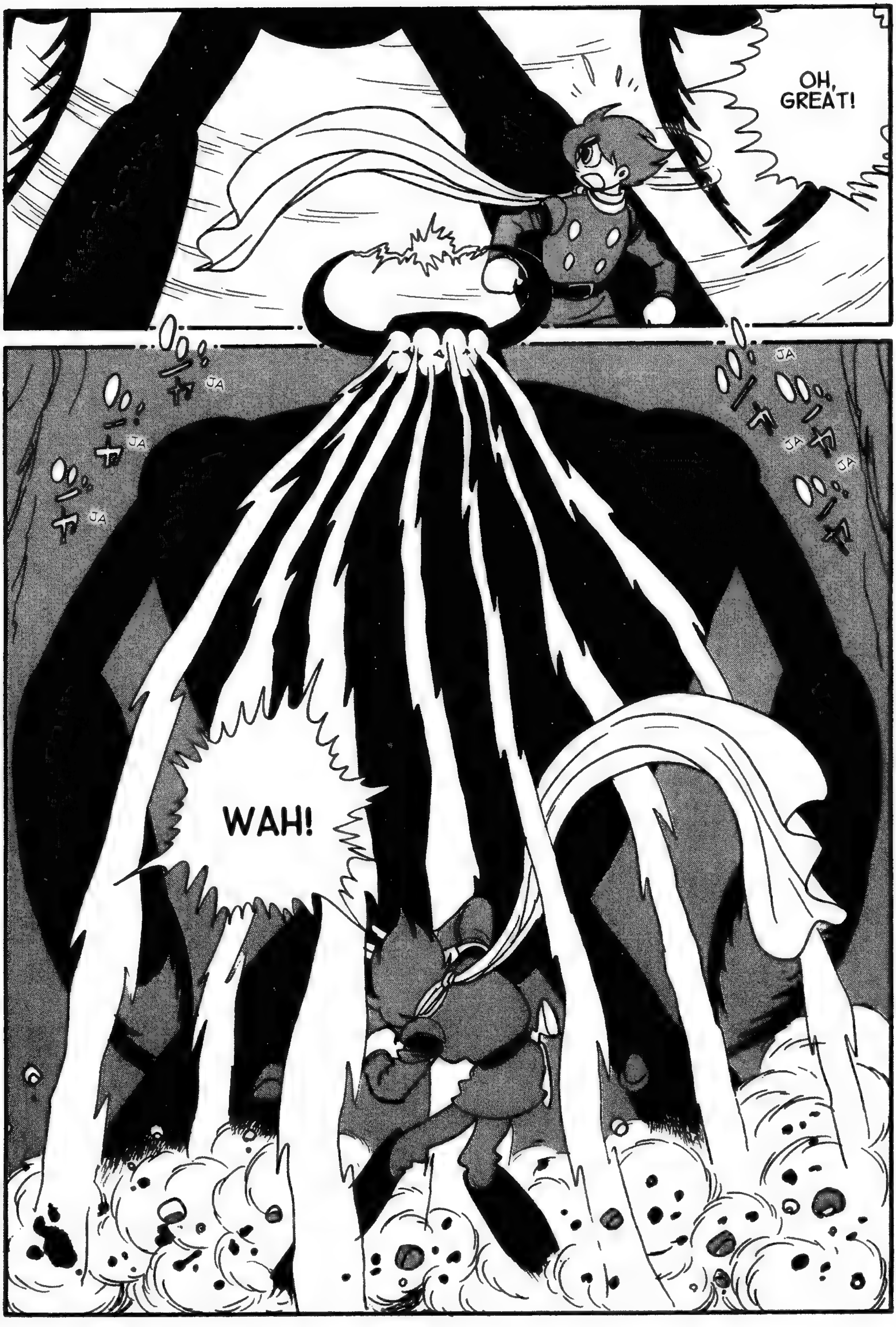
ZABAA
003!
WHERE ARE YOU?
OH. I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
WHAT?
BEHIND YOU!


OH, GREAT!
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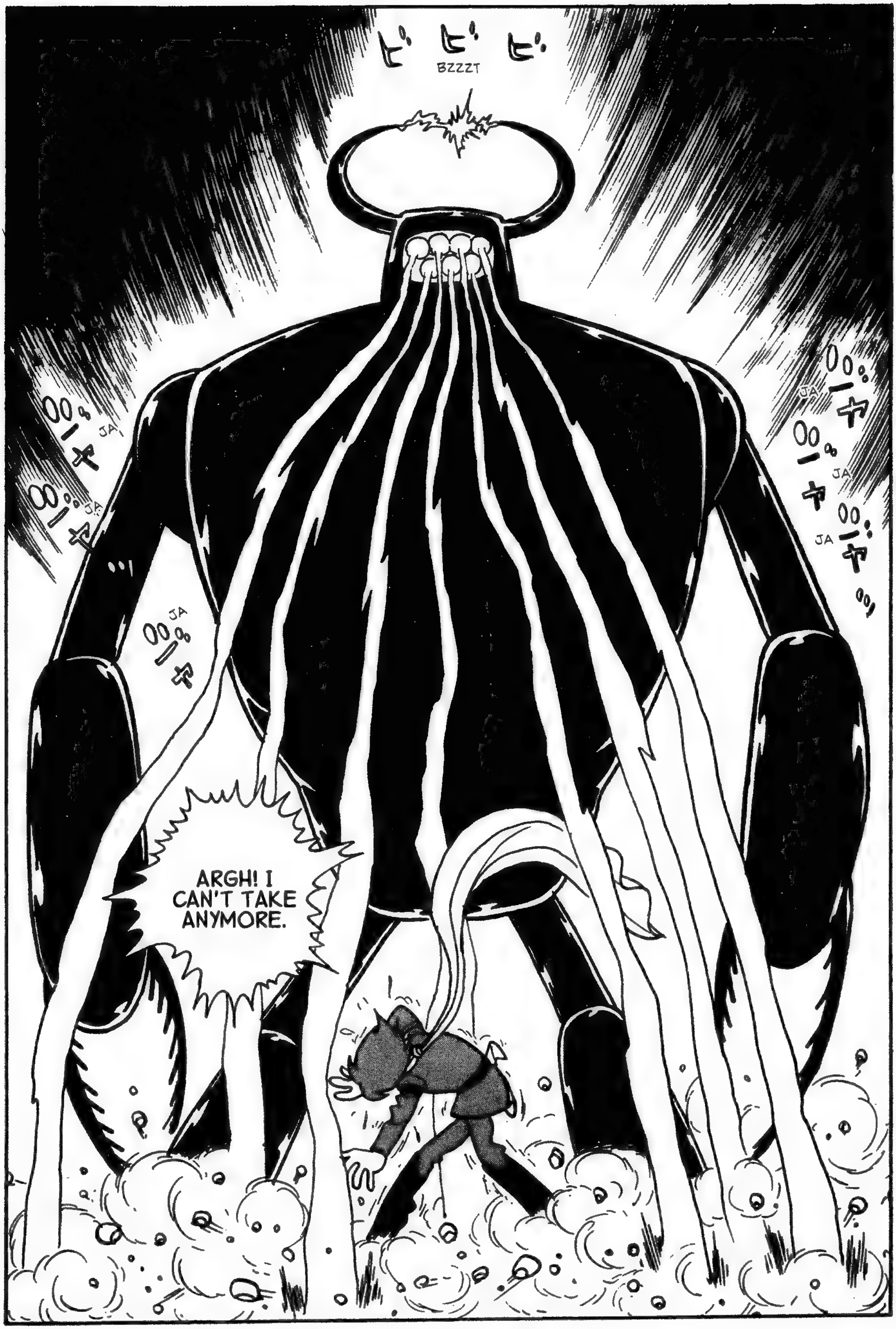
WAH!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BZZZT
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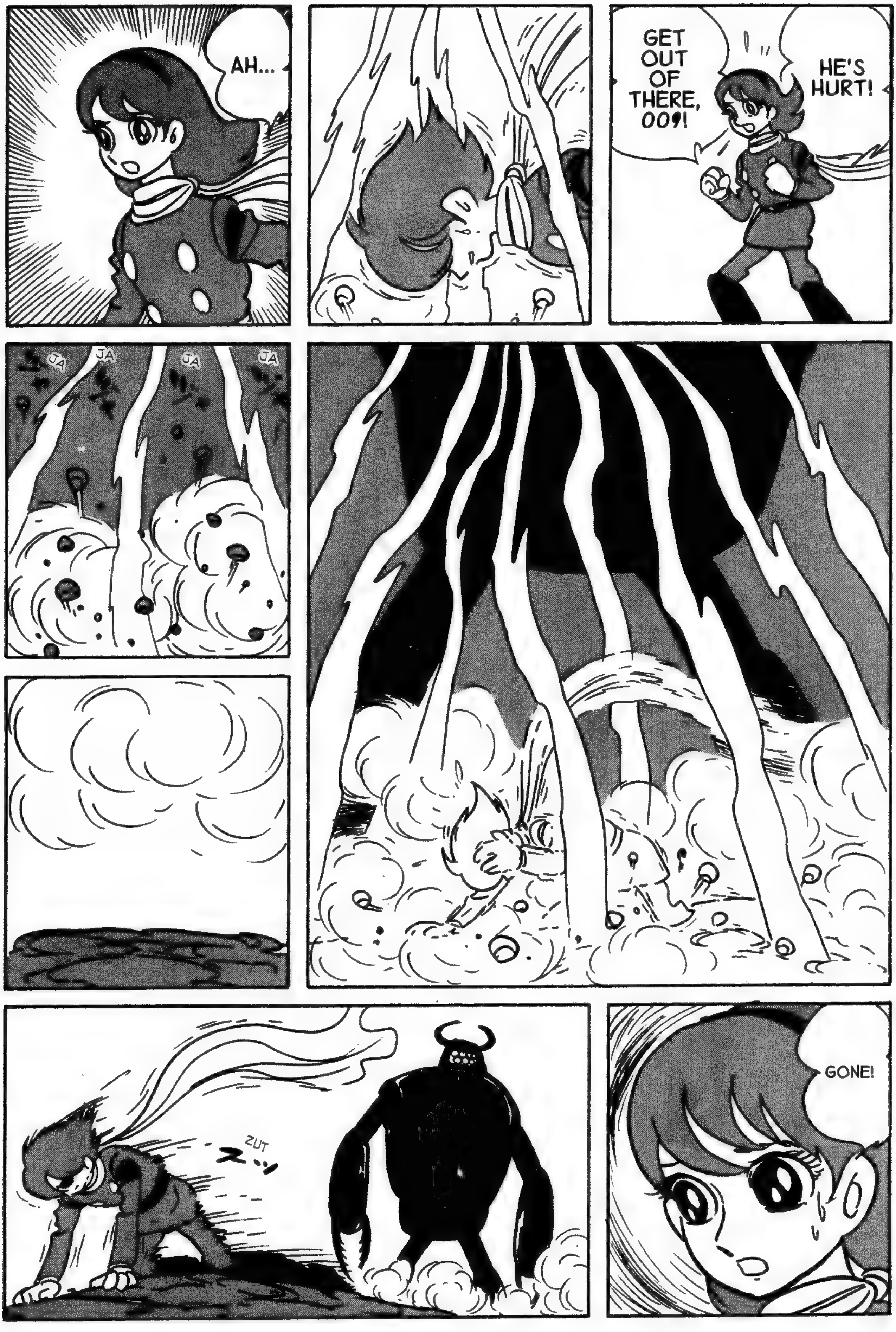
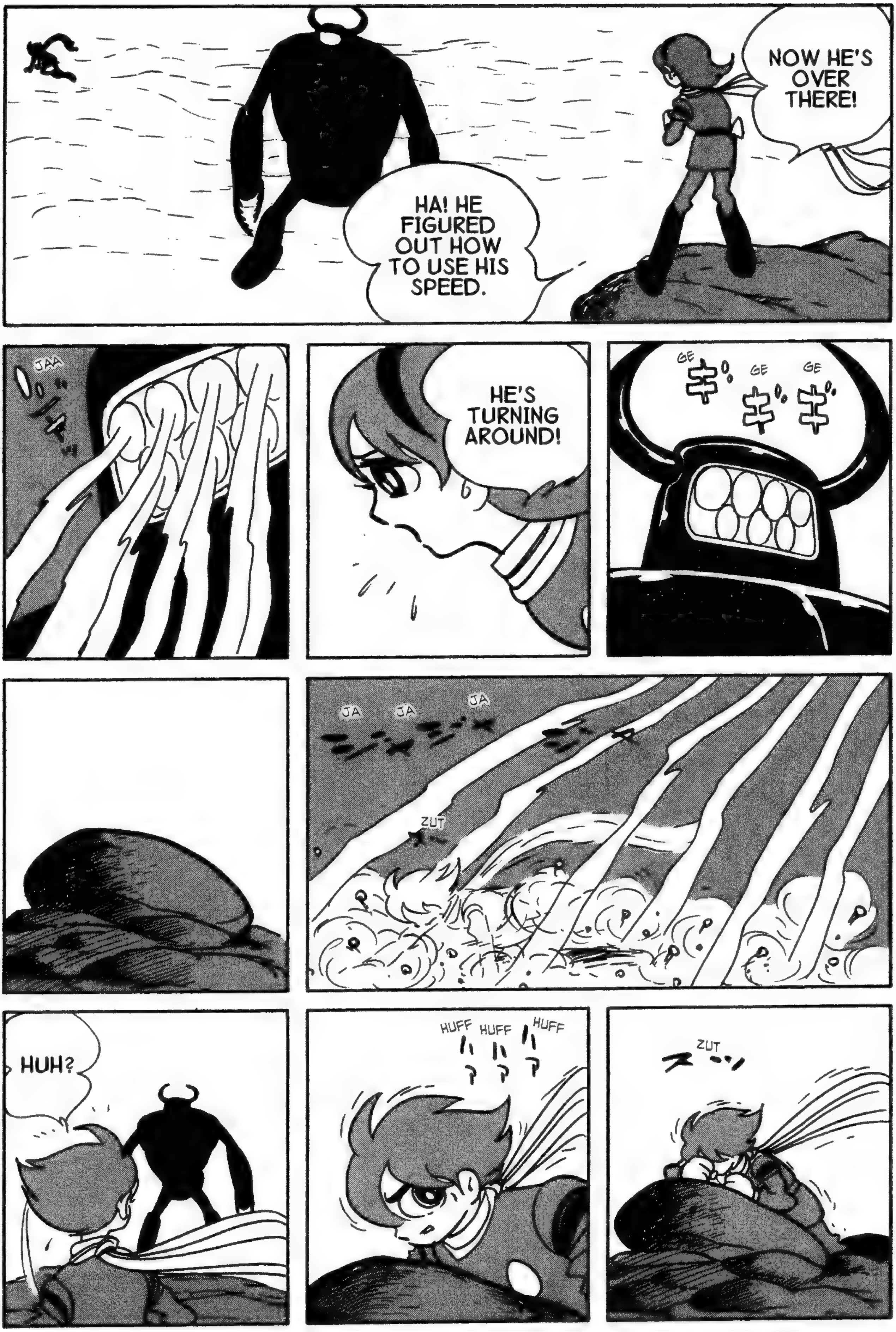
ARGH! I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE.


AH...
GET OUT OF THERE, 009!
HE'S HURT!
JA
JA
JA
JA
ZUT
GONE!


NOW HE'S OVER THERE!
HA! HE FIGURED OUT HOW TO USE HIS SPEED.
GE GE GE
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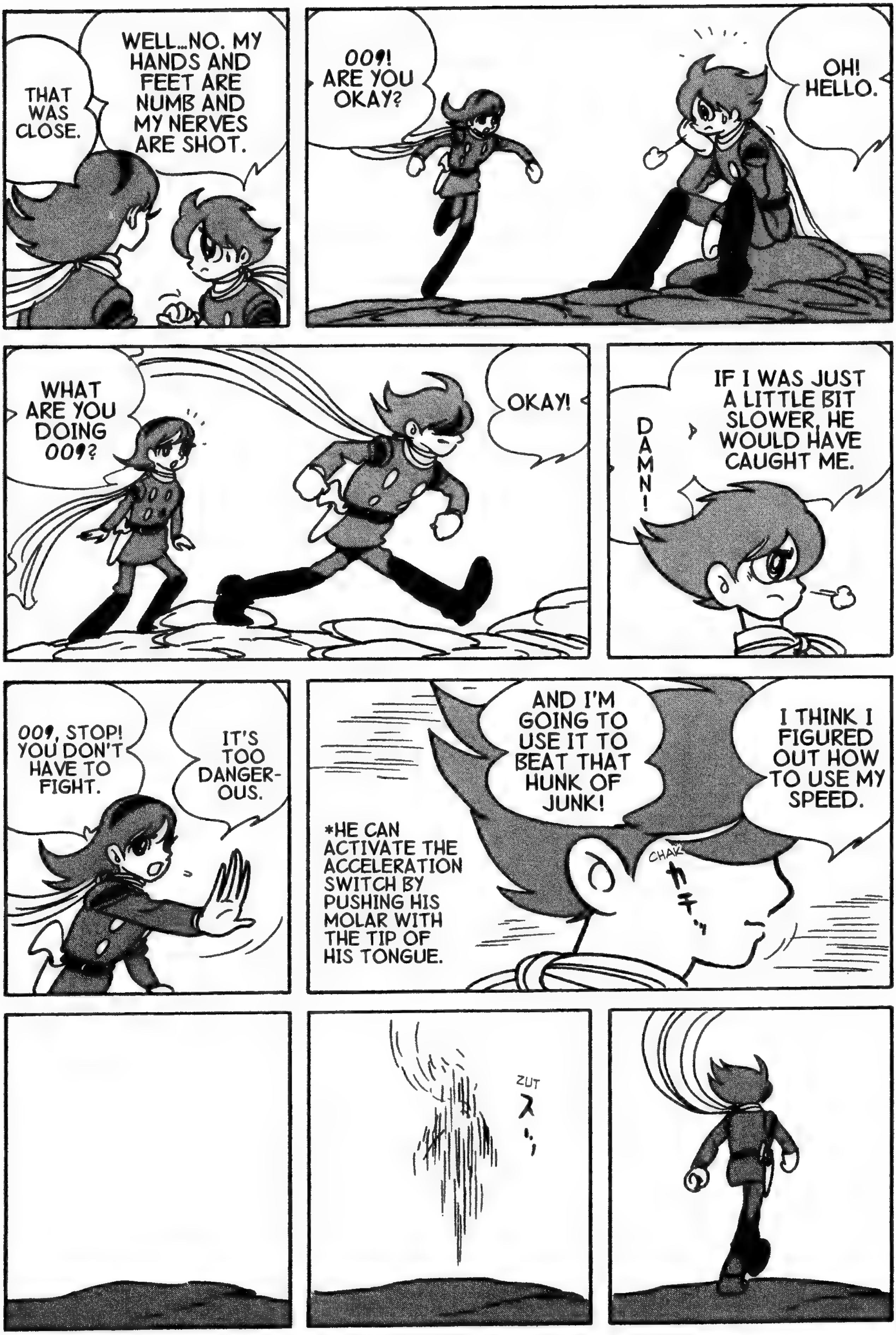
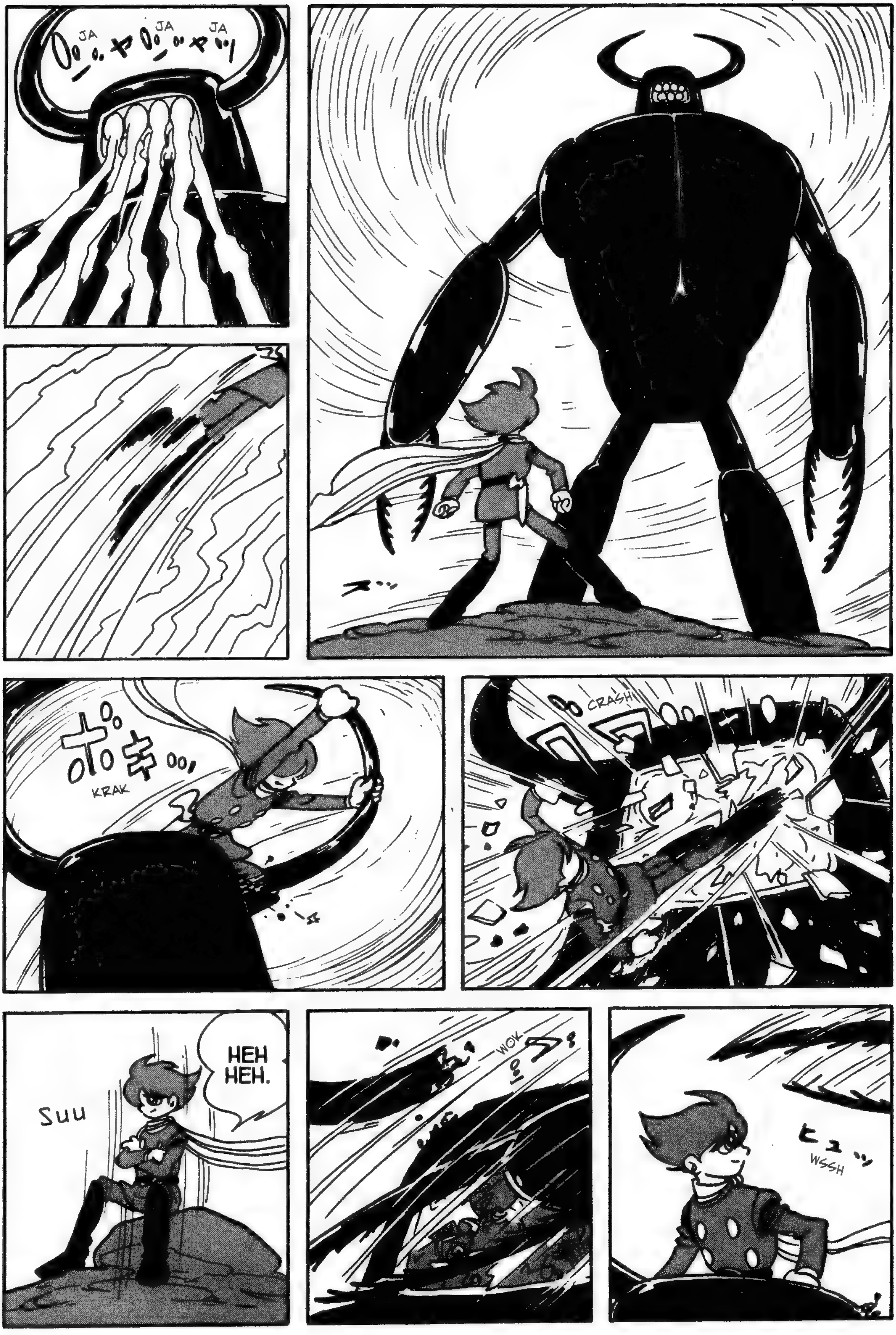
HE'S TURNING AROUND!
JAA
ジャー
JA JA JA
ZUT
ZUT
ズッ
HUFF HUFF HUFF
ハァハァハァ
HUH?


OH! HELLO.
009! ARE YOU OKAY?
WELL...NO. MY HANDS AND FEET ARE NUMB AND MY NERVES ARE SHOT.
THAT WAS CLOSE.
IF I WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT SLOWER, HE WOULD HAVE CAUGHT ME.
DAMN!
OKAY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING 009?
I THINK I FIGURED OUT HOW TO USE MY SPEED.
AND I'M GOING TO USE IT TO BEAT THAT HUNK OF JUNK!
CHAK カチ…
*HE CAN ACTIVATE THE ACCELERATION SWITCH BY PUSHING HIS MOLAR WITH THE TIP OF HIS TONGUE.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
009, STOP! YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT.
ZUT ス…


JA
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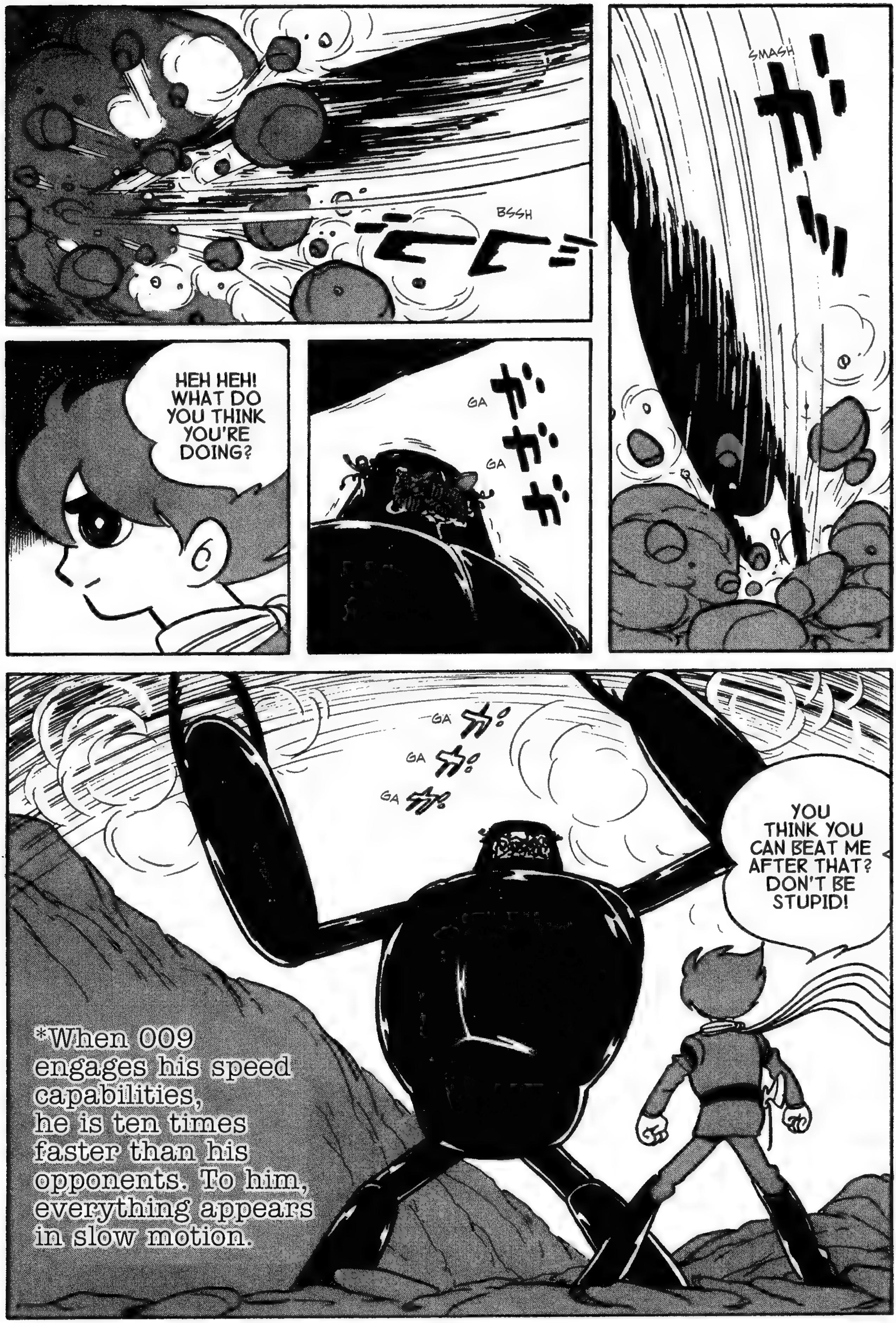
KRAK
CRASH
Suu
HEH HEH.
WOK
ヒュッ
WSSH


SMASH
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HEH HEH! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
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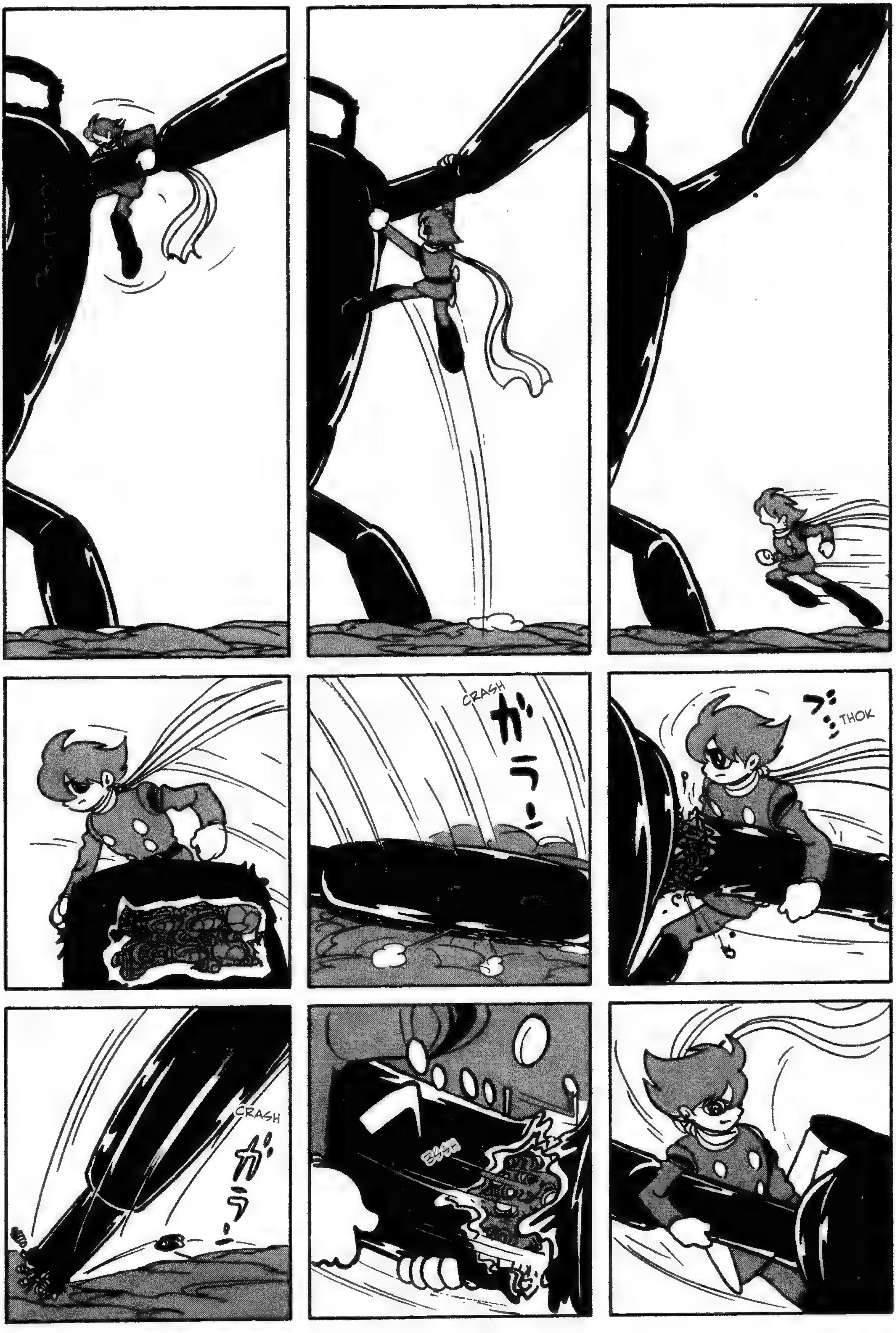
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME AFTER THAT? DON'T BE STUPID!

*When 009 engages his speed capabilities, he is ten times faster than his opponents. To him, everything appears in slow motion.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BZZT
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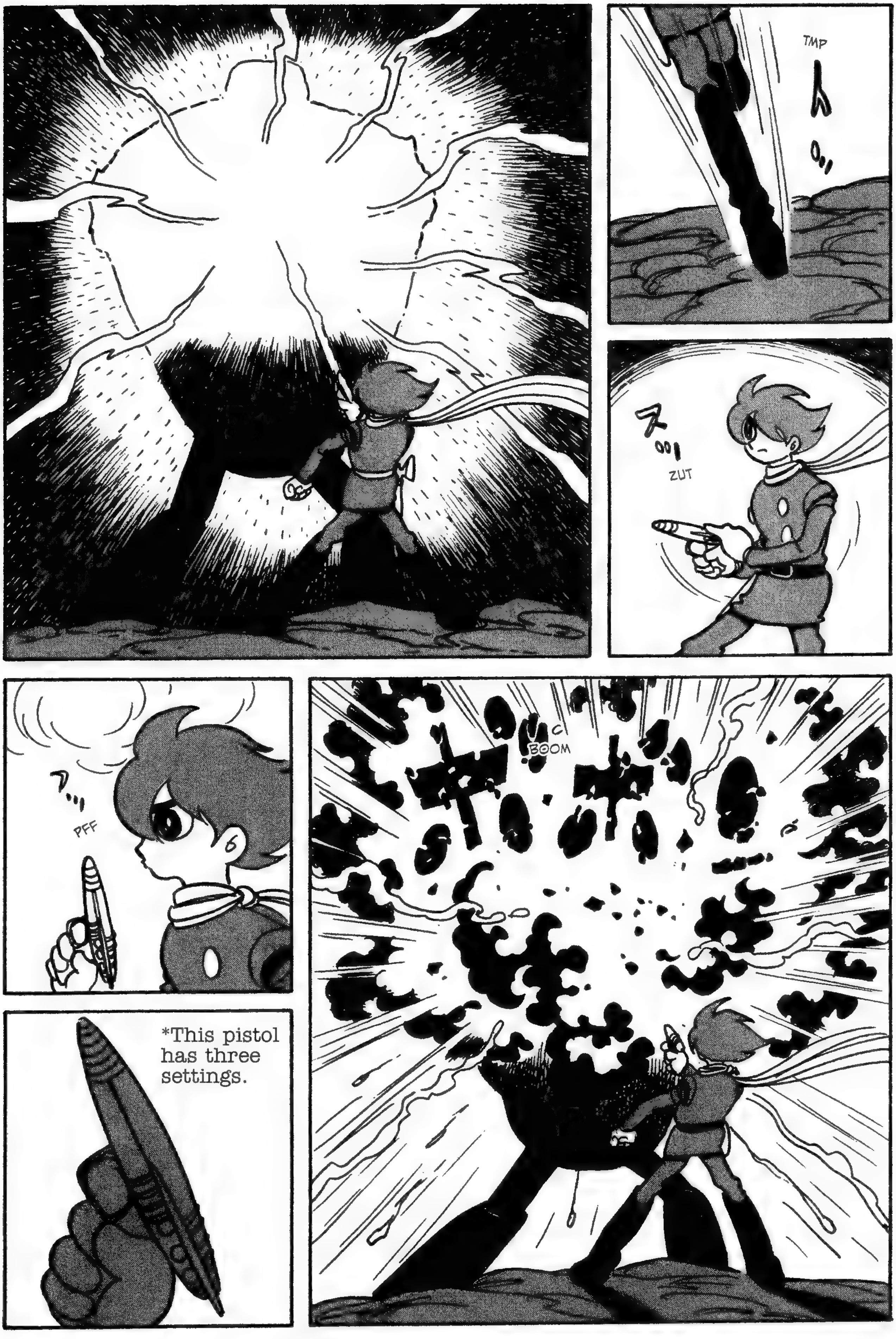
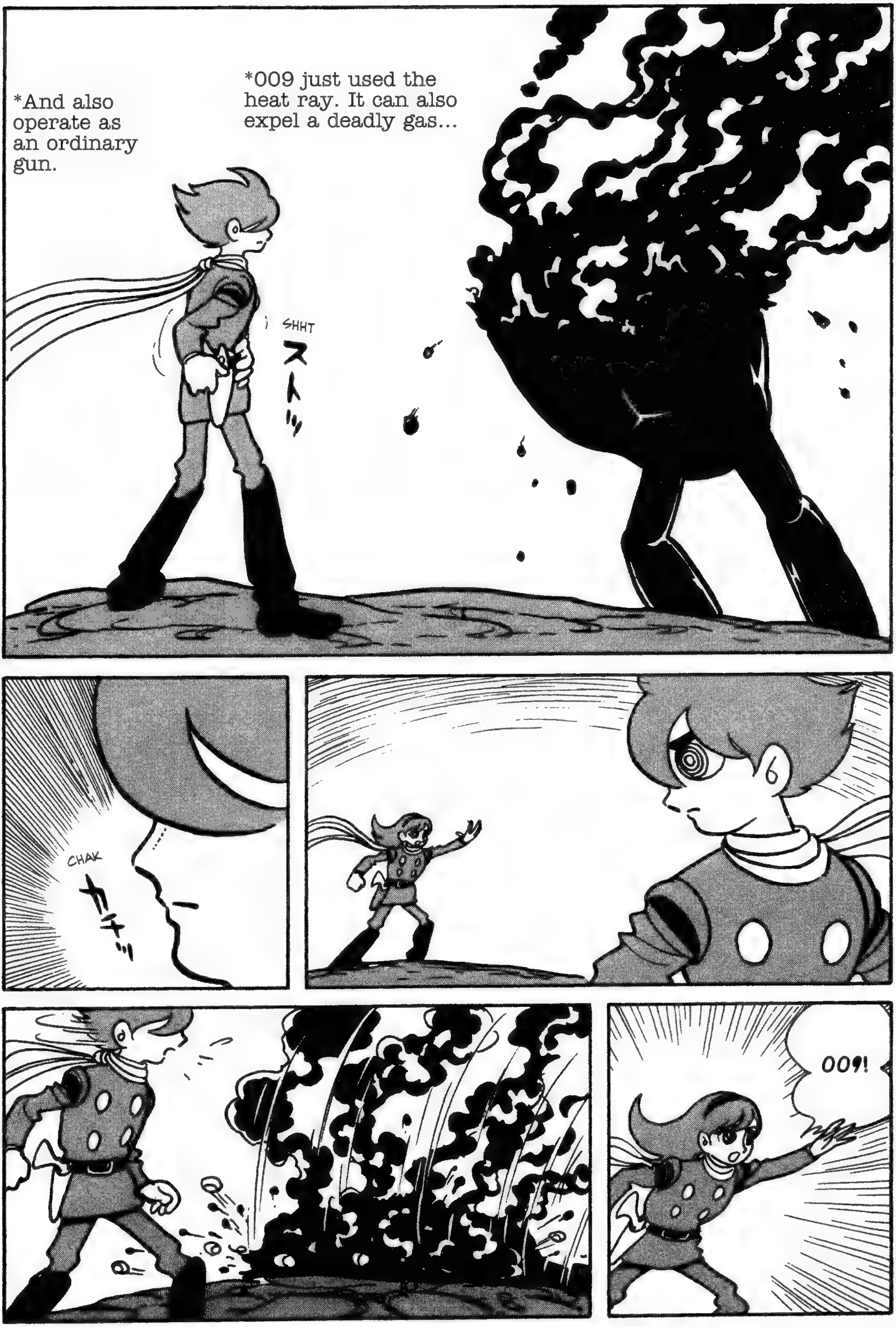
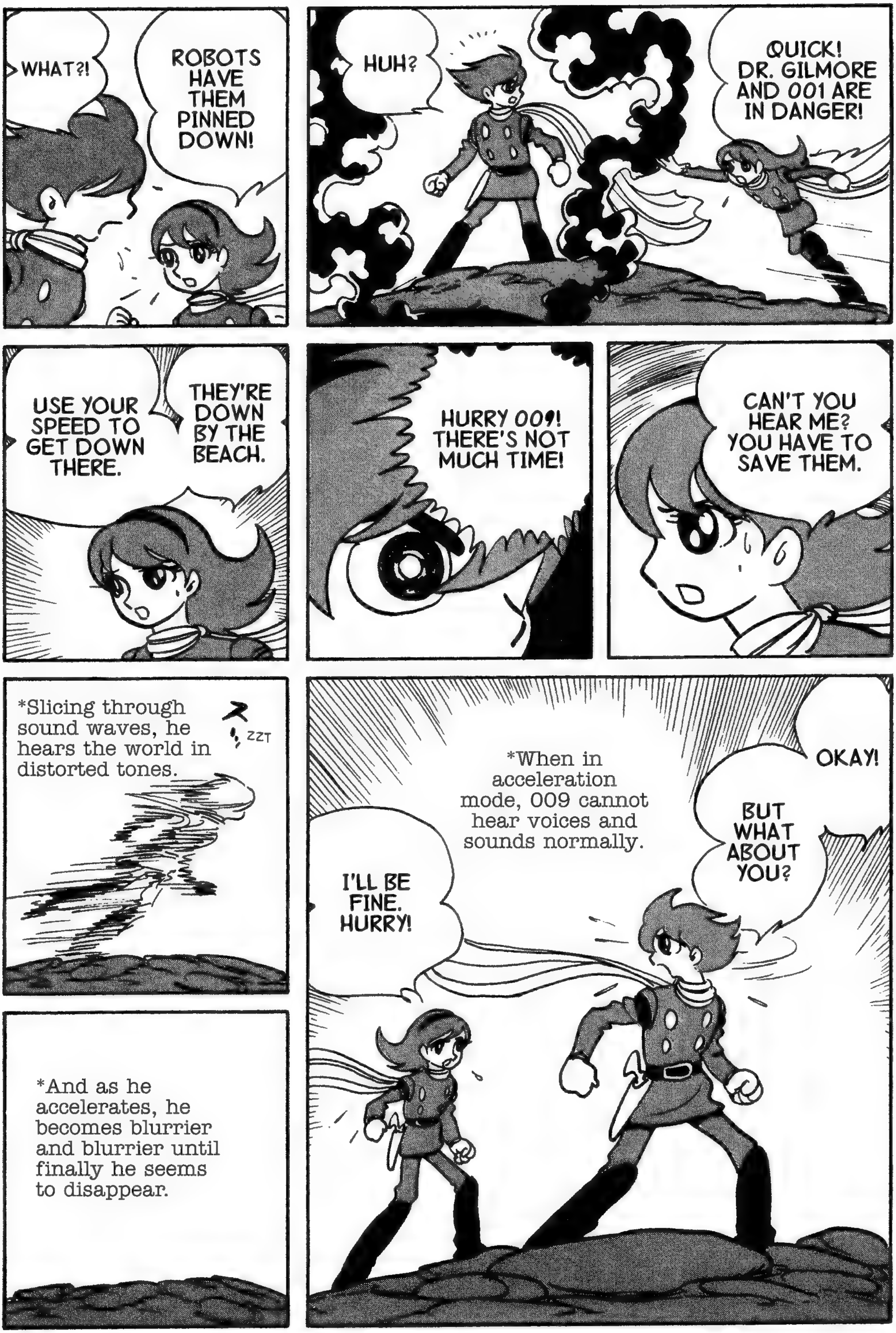
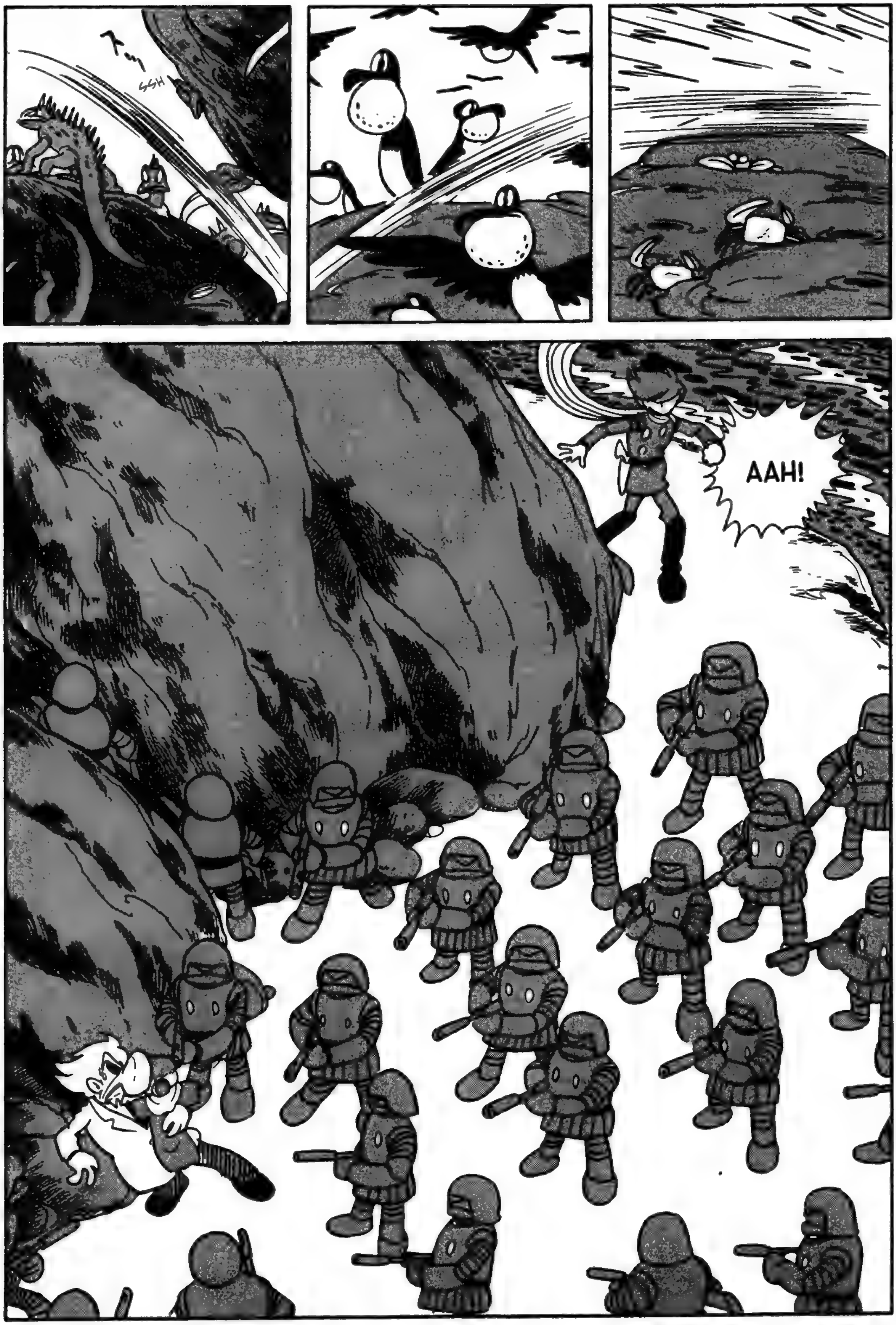

TMP
ZUT
BOOM
PFF

*This pistol has three settings.


*009 just used the heat ray. It can also expel a deadly gas...
*And also operate as an ordinary gun.
SHHT
ストッ
CHAK
カチッ
009!


QUICK! DR. GILMORE AND 001 ARE IN DANGER!
HUH?
ROBOTS HAVE THEM PINNED DOWN!
WHAT?!
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME? YOU HAVE TO SAVE THEM.
HURRY 009! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!
THEY'RE DOWN BY THE BEACH.
USE YOUR SPEED TO GET DOWN THERE.
OKAY!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
*When in acceleration mode, 009 cannot hear voices and sounds normally.
I'LL BE FINE. HURRY!
*Slicing through sound waves, he hears the world in distorted tones.
ZZT
*And as he accelerates, he becomes blurrier and blurrier until finally he seems to disappear.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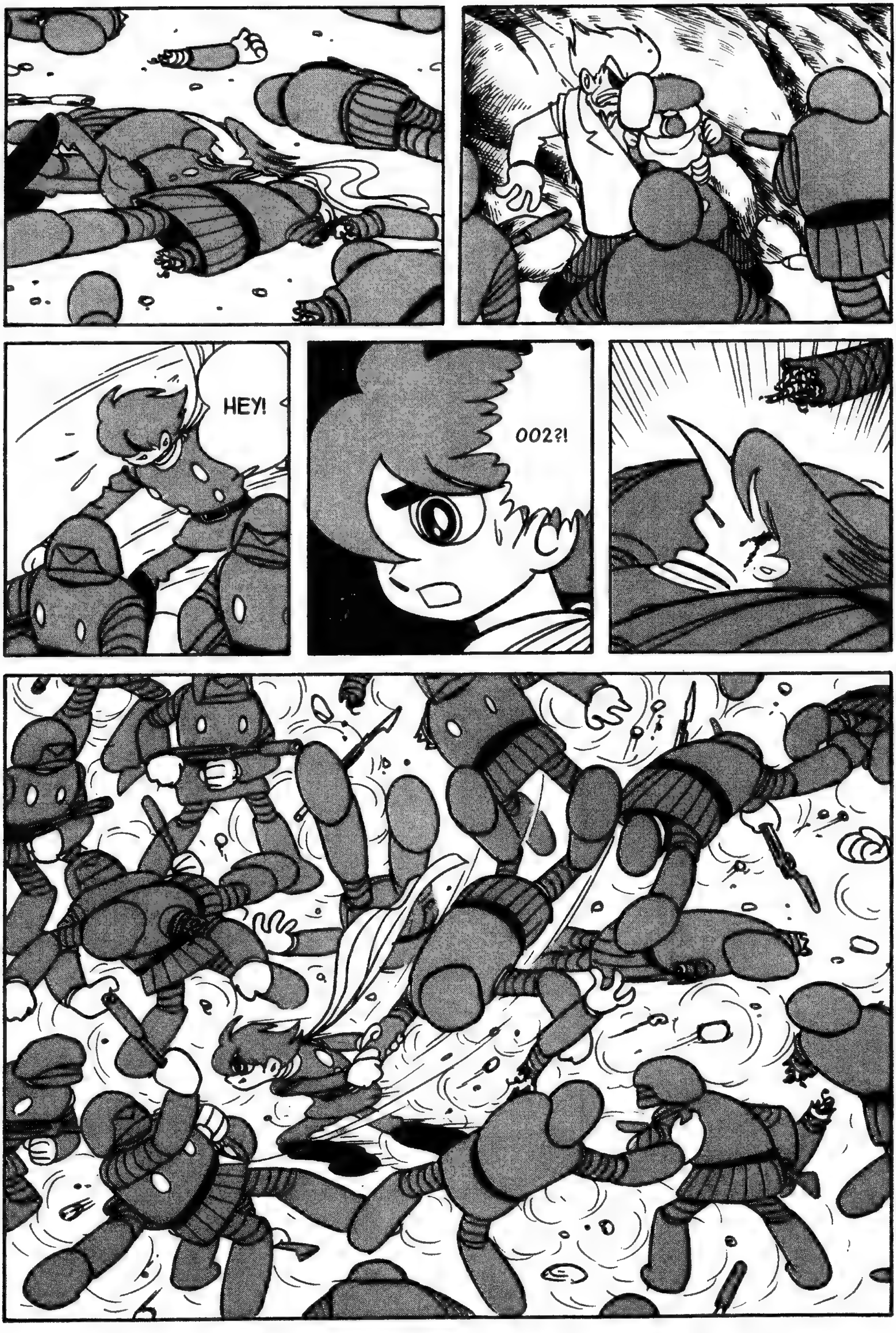
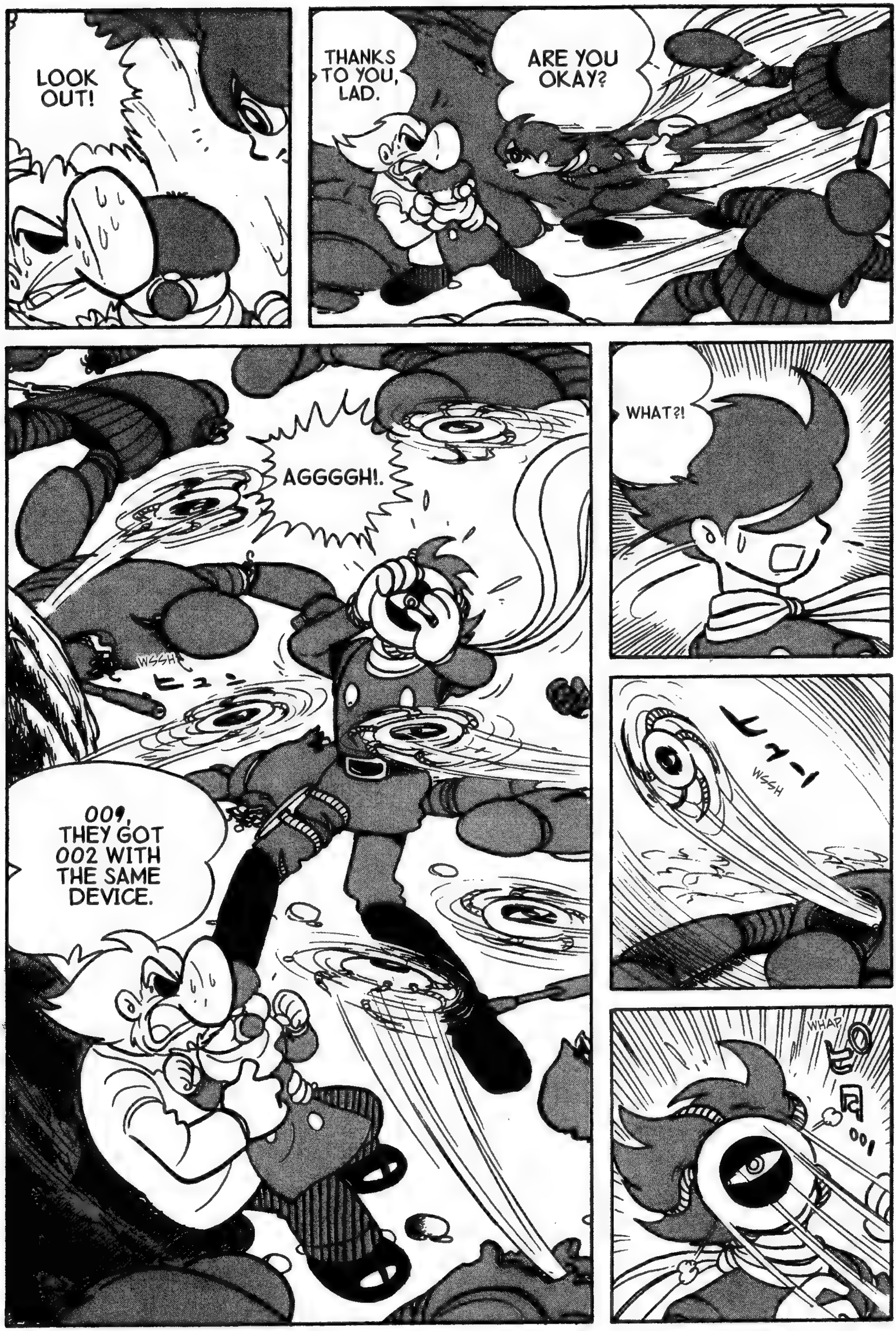
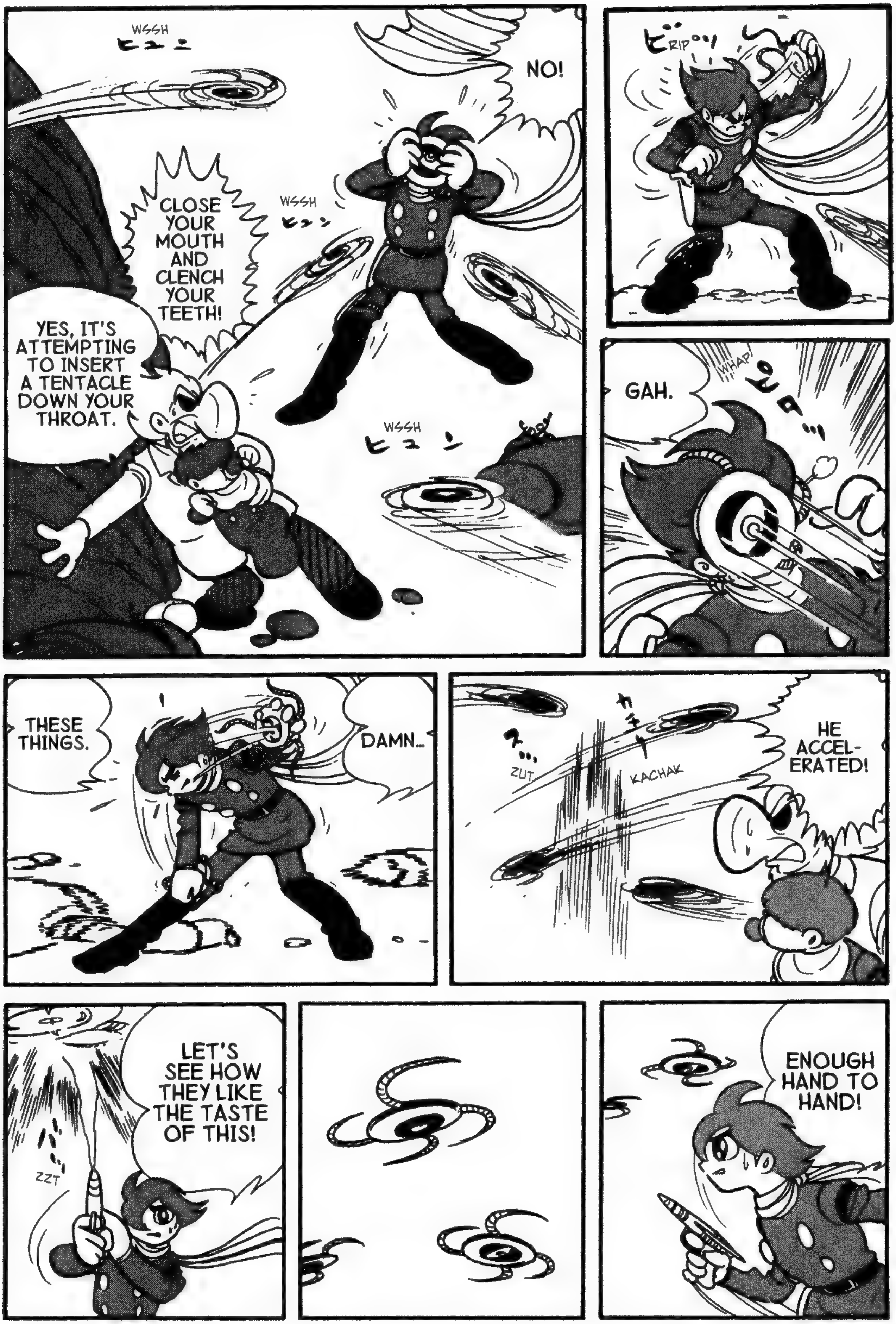
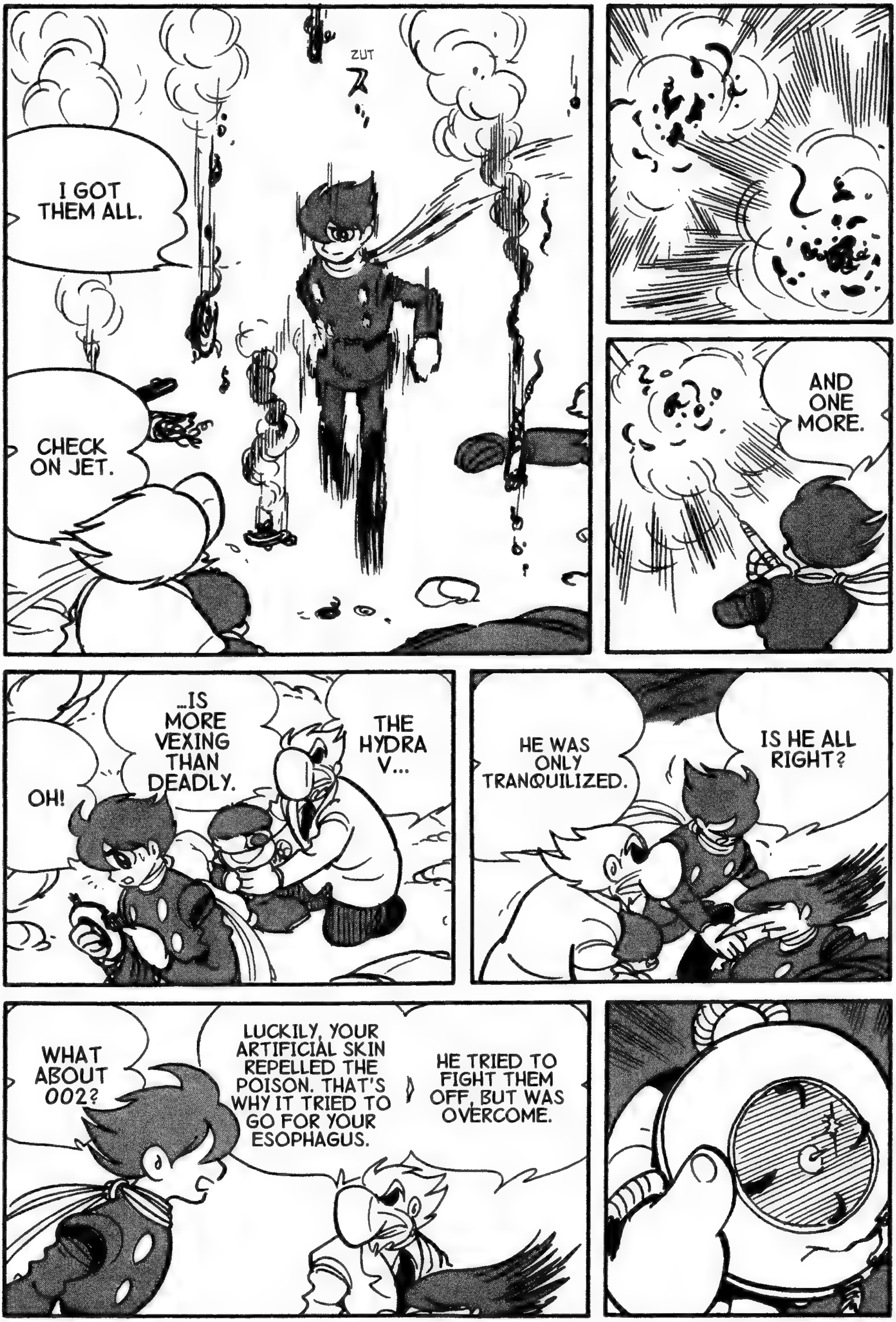
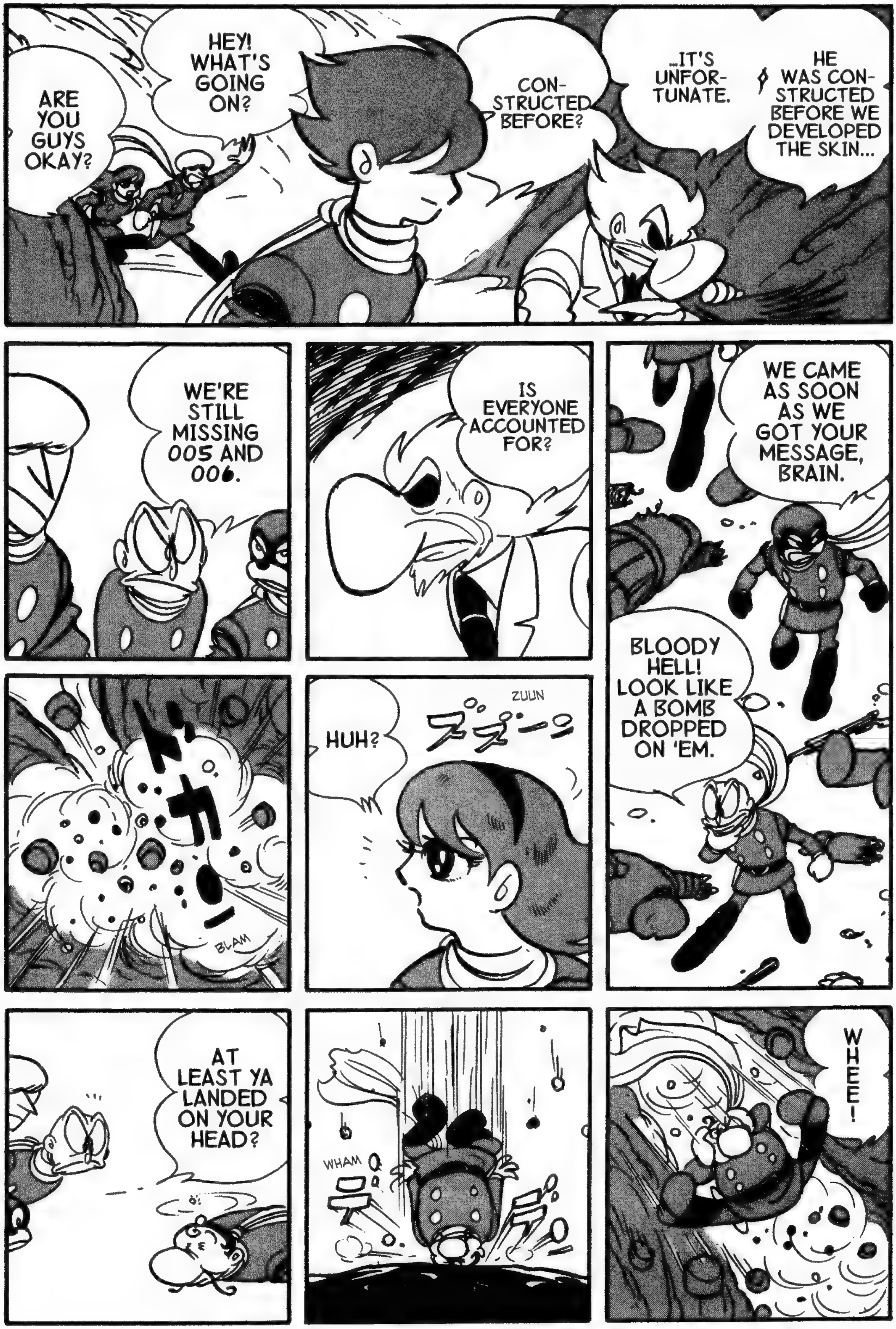
AAH!

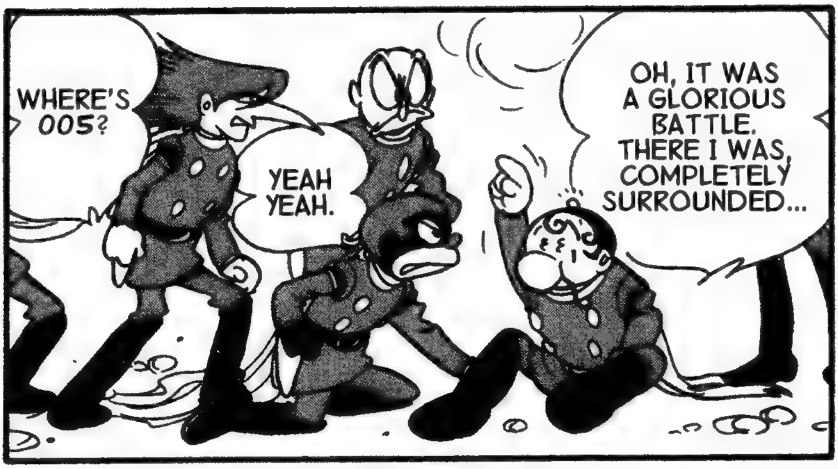

HEY!
002?!

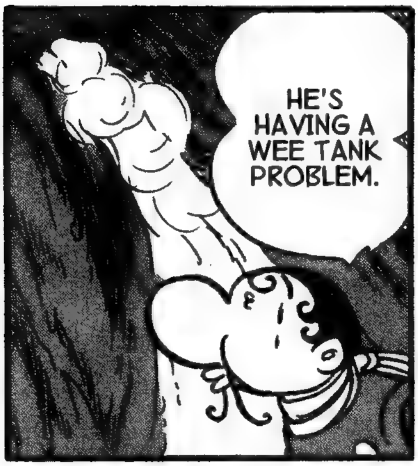

LOOK OUT!
ARE YOU OKAY?
THANKS TO YOU, LAD.
AGGGGH!.
WSSH
WHAT?!
009, THEY GOT 002 WITH THE SAME DEVICE.
WSSH
WHAP

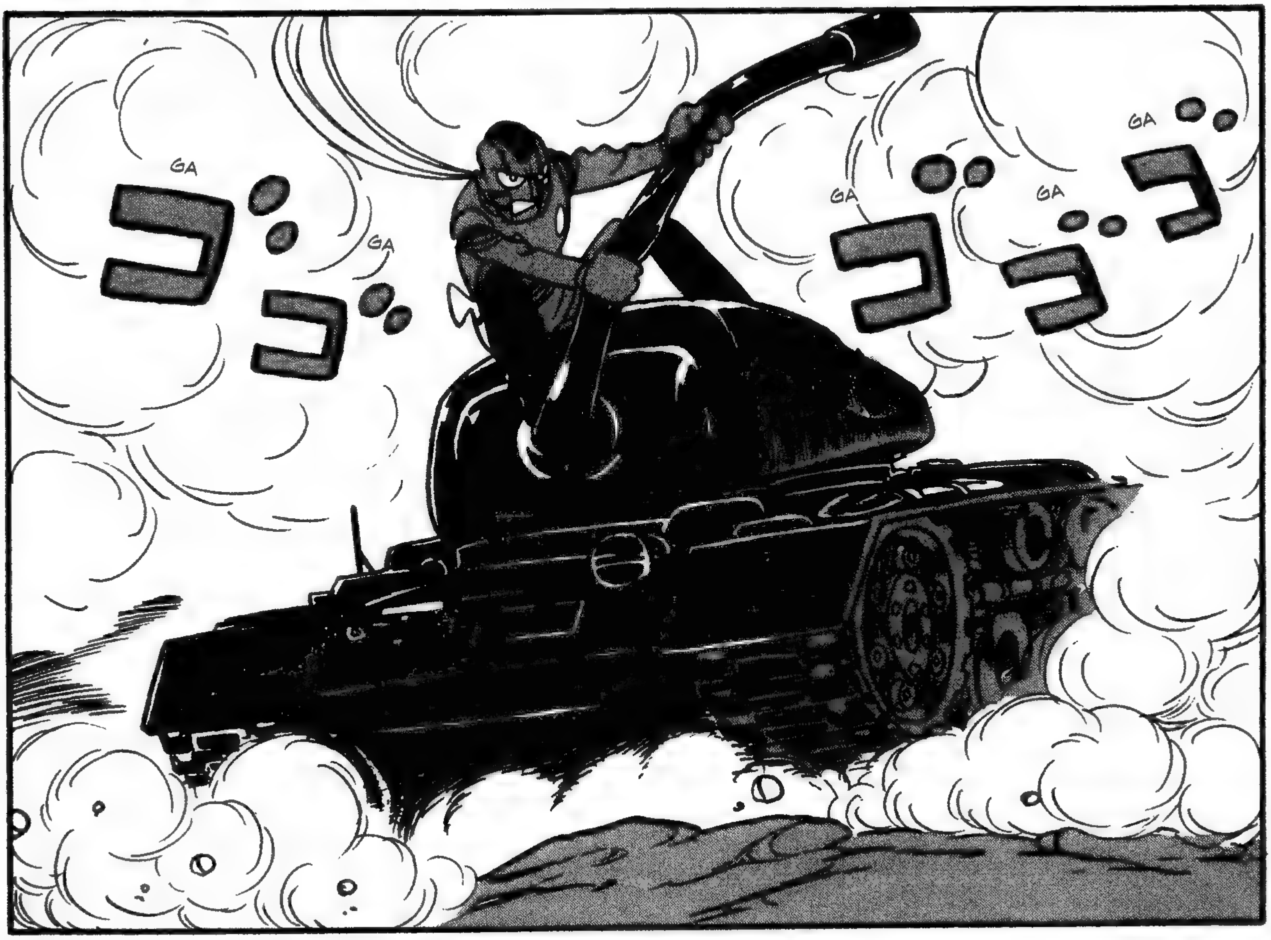

WSSH
NO!
CLOSE YOUR MOUTH AND CLENCH YOUR TEETH!
WSSH
YES, IT'S ATTEMPTING TO INSERT A TENTACLE DOWN YOUR THROAT.
WSSH
RIP
GAH.
WHAP!
THESE THINGS.
DAMN...
ZUT
KACHAK
HE ACCELERATED!
LET'S SEE HOW THEY LIKE THE TASTE OF THIS!
ZZT
ENOUGH HAND TO HAND!


AND ONE MORE.
ZUT
I GOT THEM ALL.
CHECK ON JET.
IS HE ALL RIGHT?
HE WAS ONLY TRANQUILIZED.
THE HYDRA V...
...IS MORE VEXING THAN DEADLY.
OH!
HE TRIED TO FIGHT THEM OFF, BUT WAS OVERCOME.
LUCKILY, YOUR ARTIFICIAL SKIN REPELLED THE POISON. THAT'S WHY IT TRIED TO GO FOR YOUR ESOPHAGUS.
WHAT ABOUT 002?


HE WAS CONSTRUCTED BEFORE WE DEVELOPED THE SKIN...
...IT'S UNFORTUNATE.
CONSTRUCTED BEFORE?
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?
WE CAME AS SOON AS WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE, BRAIN.
BLOODY HELL! LOOK LIKE A BOMB DROPPED ON 'EM.
IS EVERYONE ACCOUNTED FOR?
WE'RE STILL MISSING 005 AND 006.
ZUUN
HUH?
BLAM
WHEE!
WHAM
AT LEAST YA LANDED ON YOUR HEAD?


OH, IT WAS A GLORIOUS BATTLE. THERE I WAS, COMPLETELY SURROUNDED...
YEAH YEAH.
WHERE'S 005?


HE'S HAVING A WEE TANK PROBLEM.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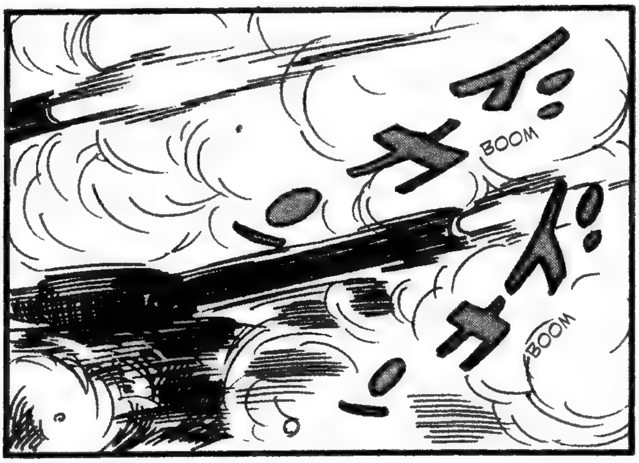
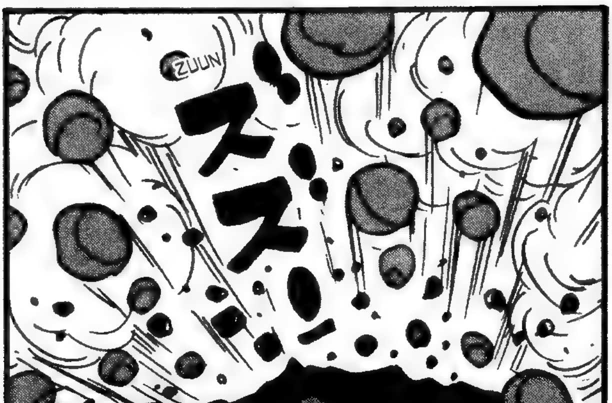

BOOM
BOOM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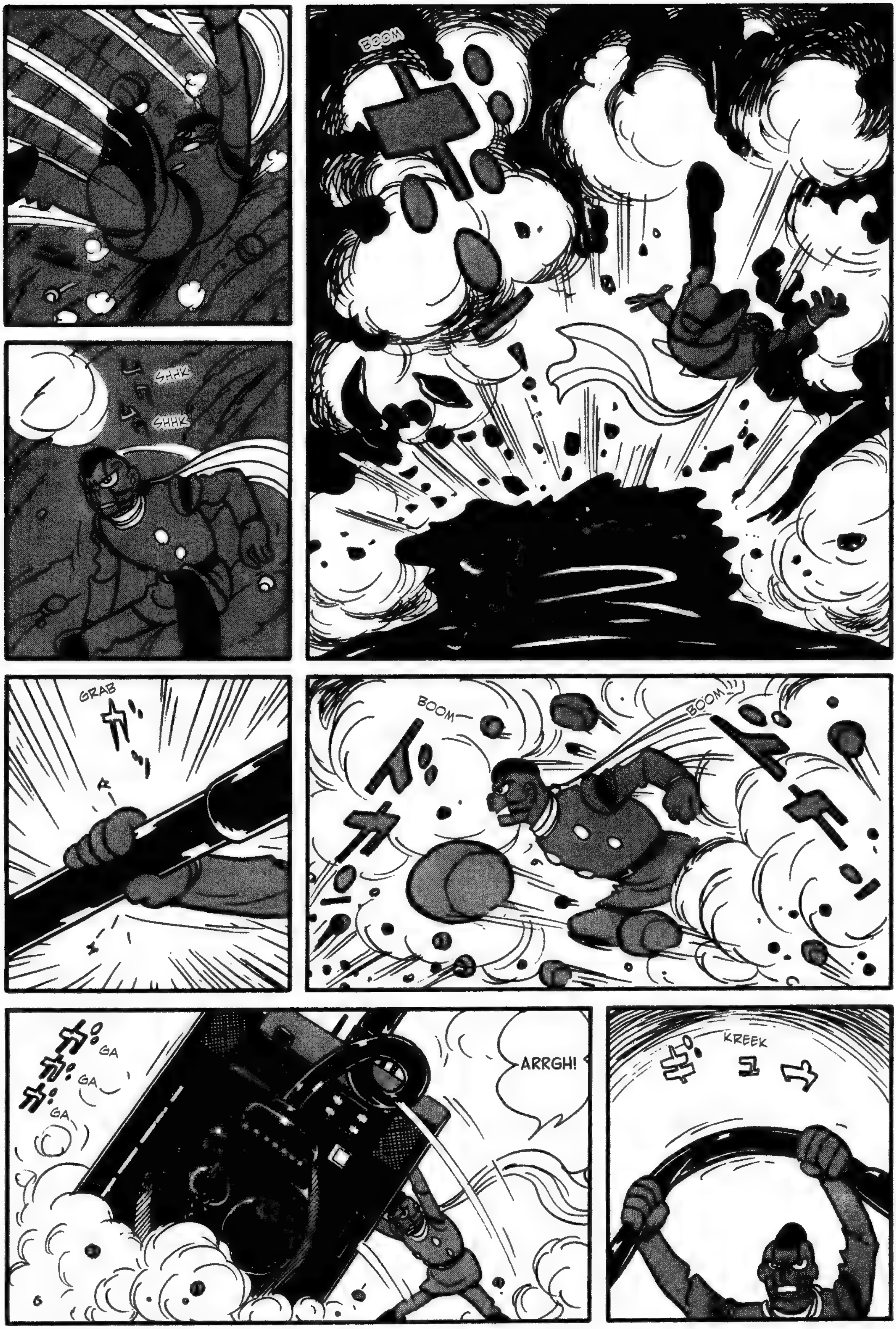
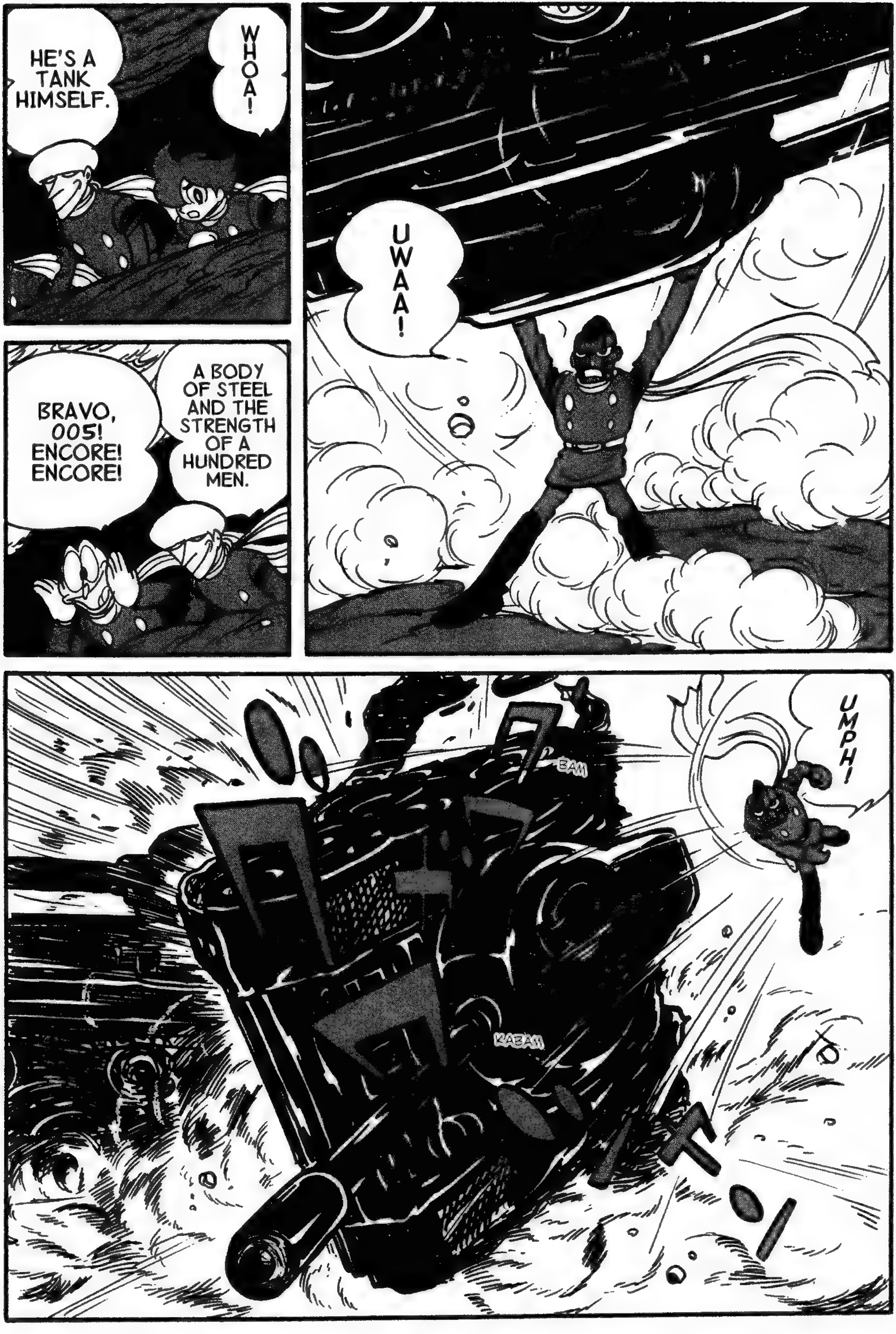
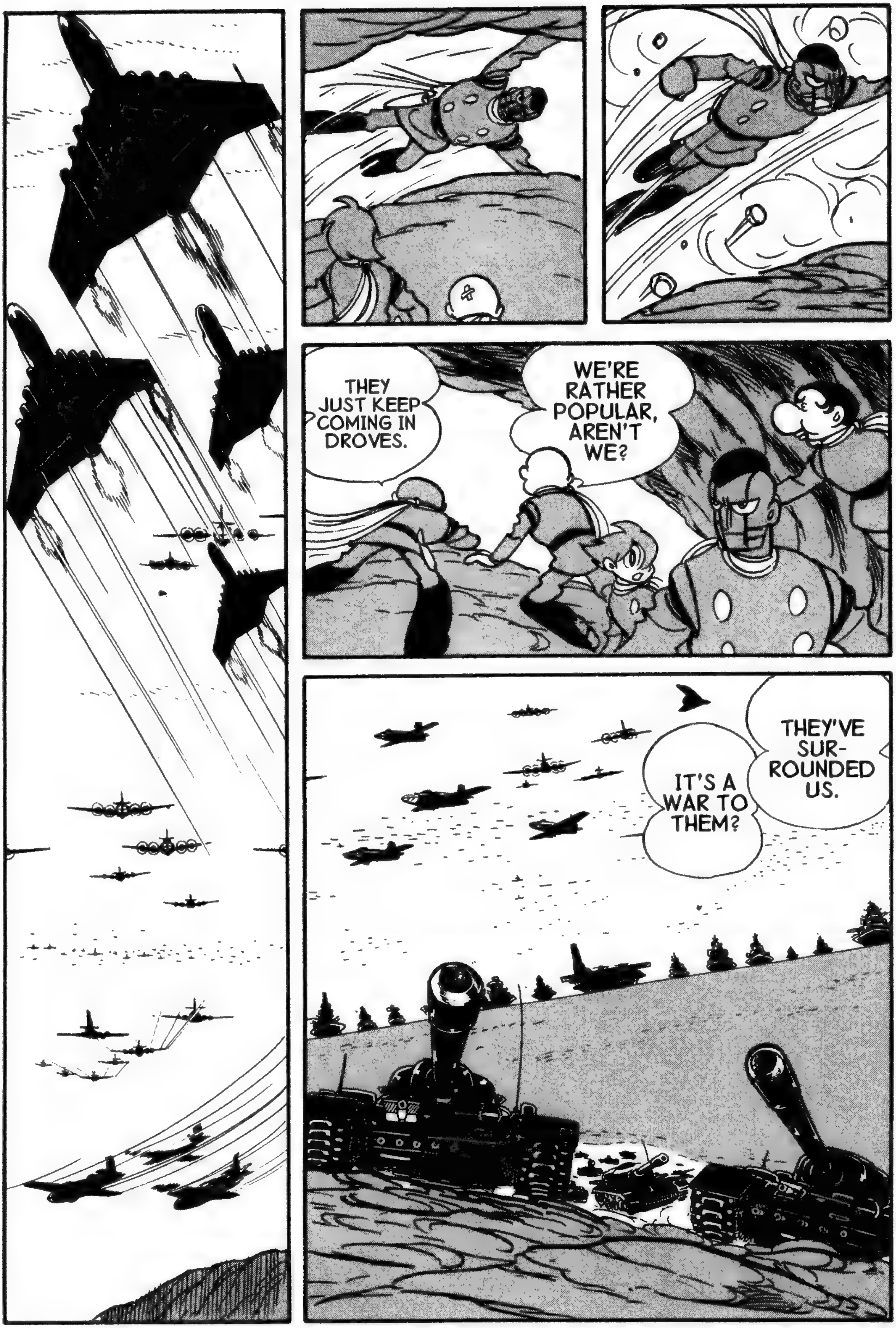
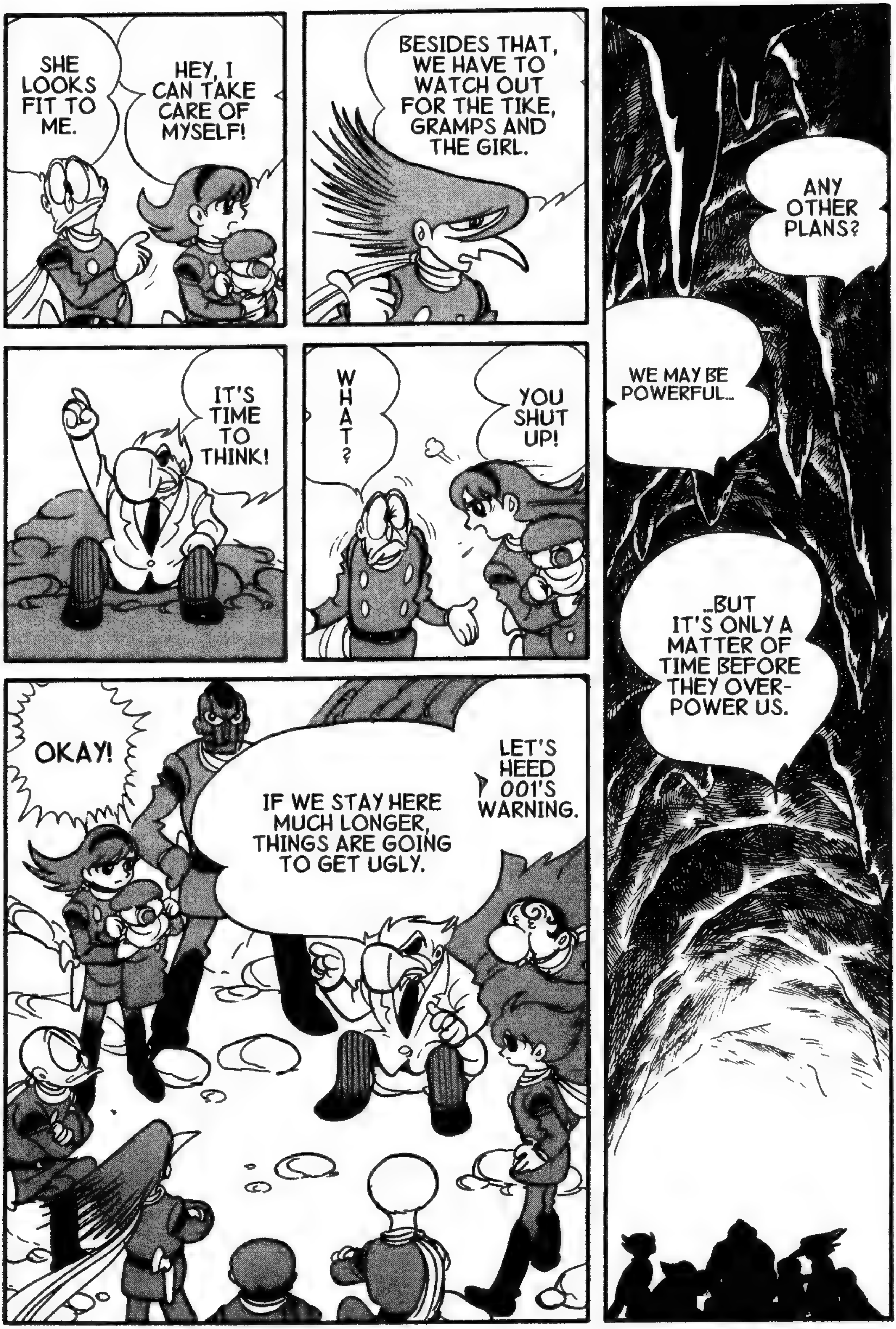
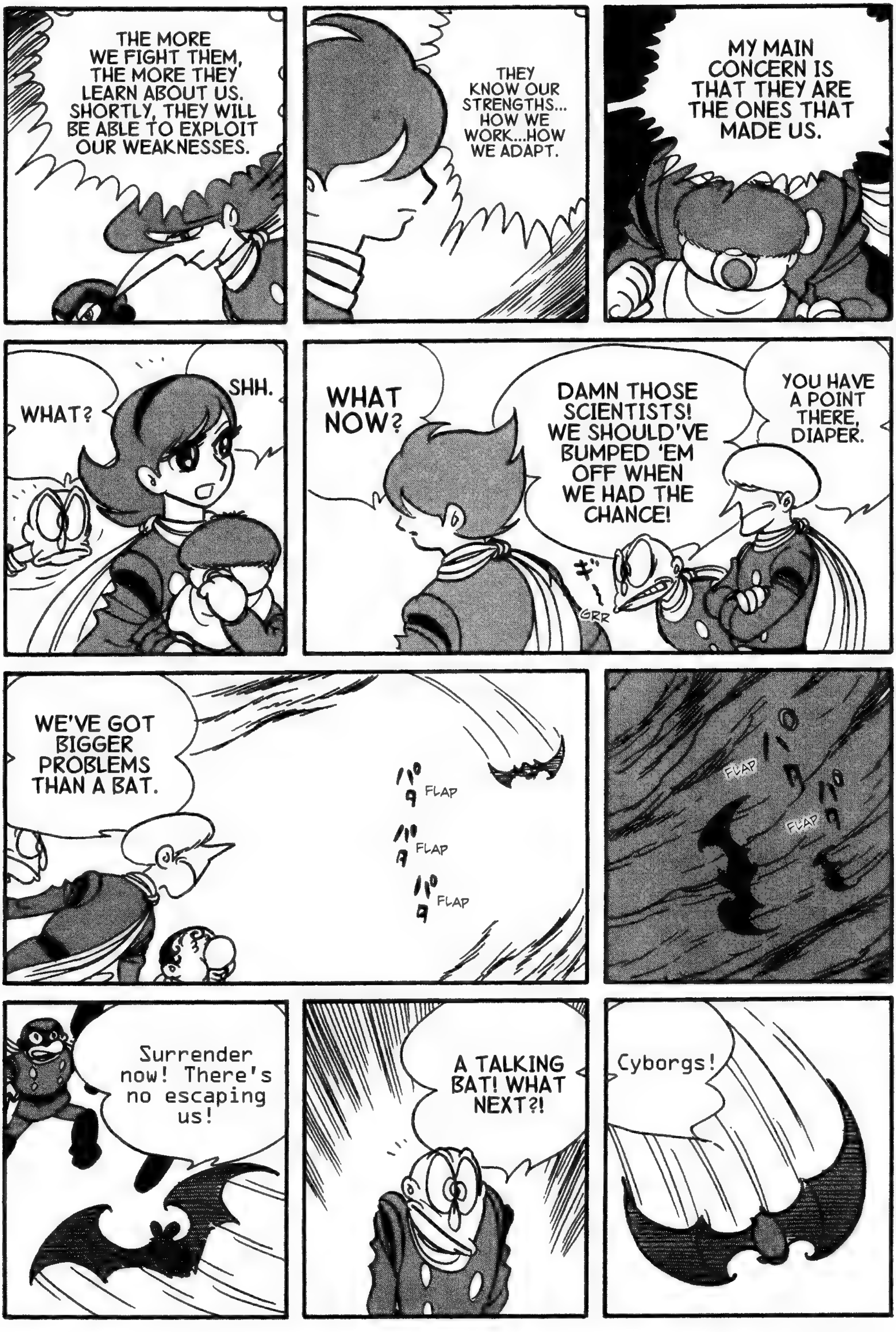
ZUUN

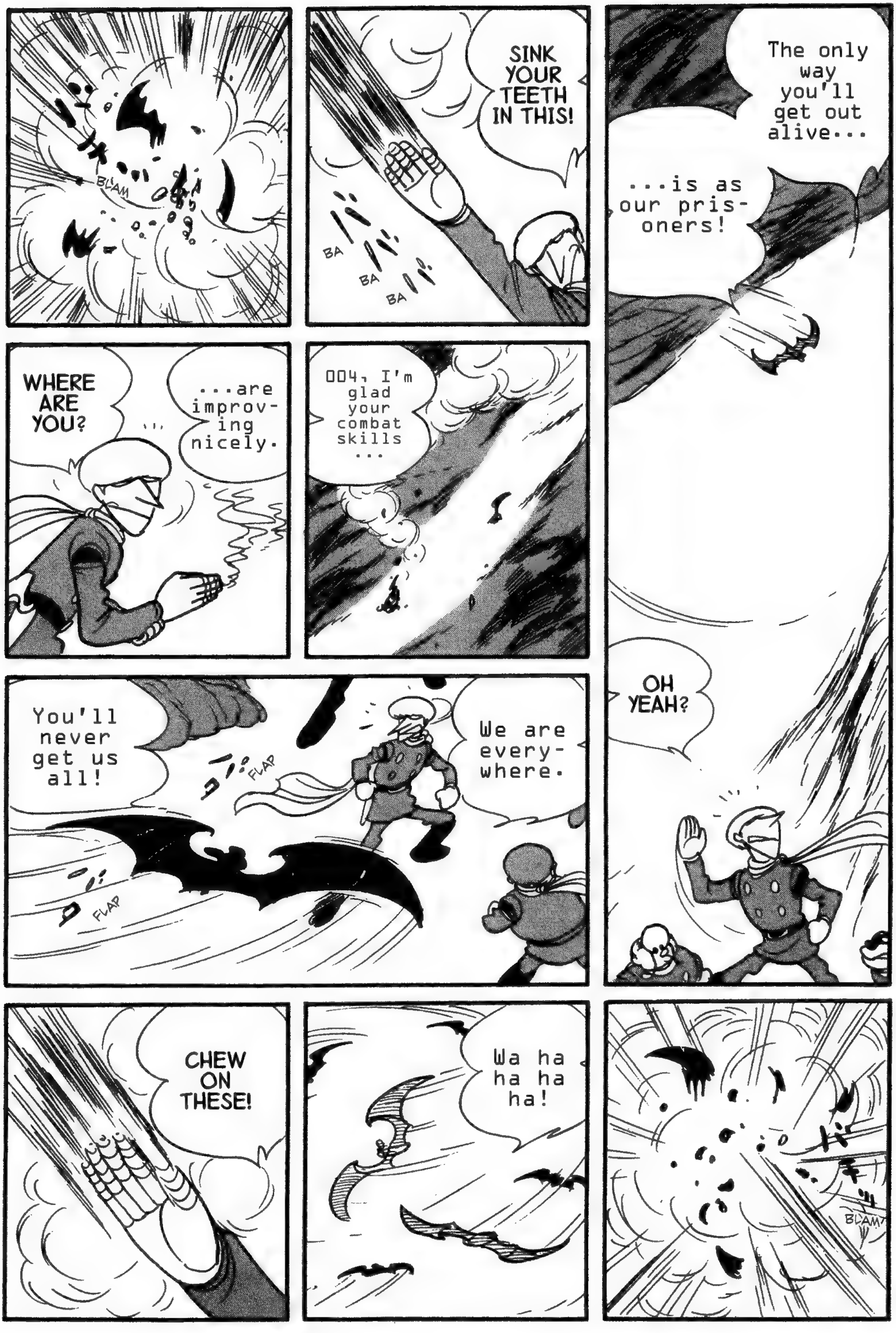

SHHK
SHHK
BOOM
GRAB
BOOM
BOOM
GA
GA
GA
ARRGH!
KREEK

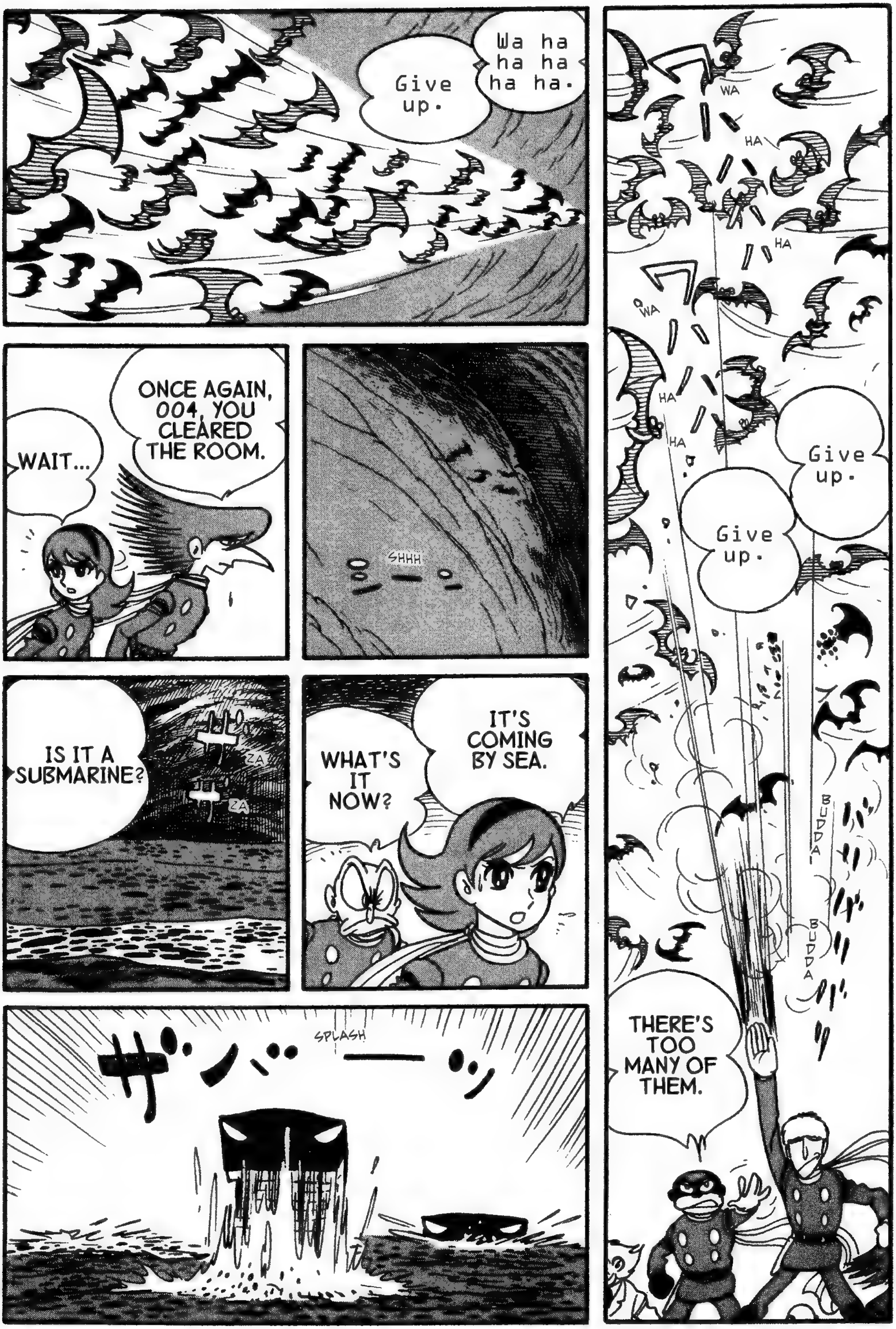

WHOA!
HE'S A TANK HIMSELF.
A BODY OF STEEL AND THE STRENGTH OF A HUNDRED MEN.
BRAVO, 005! ENCORE! ENCORE!
UWAAA!
BAM
KABAM
UMPH!

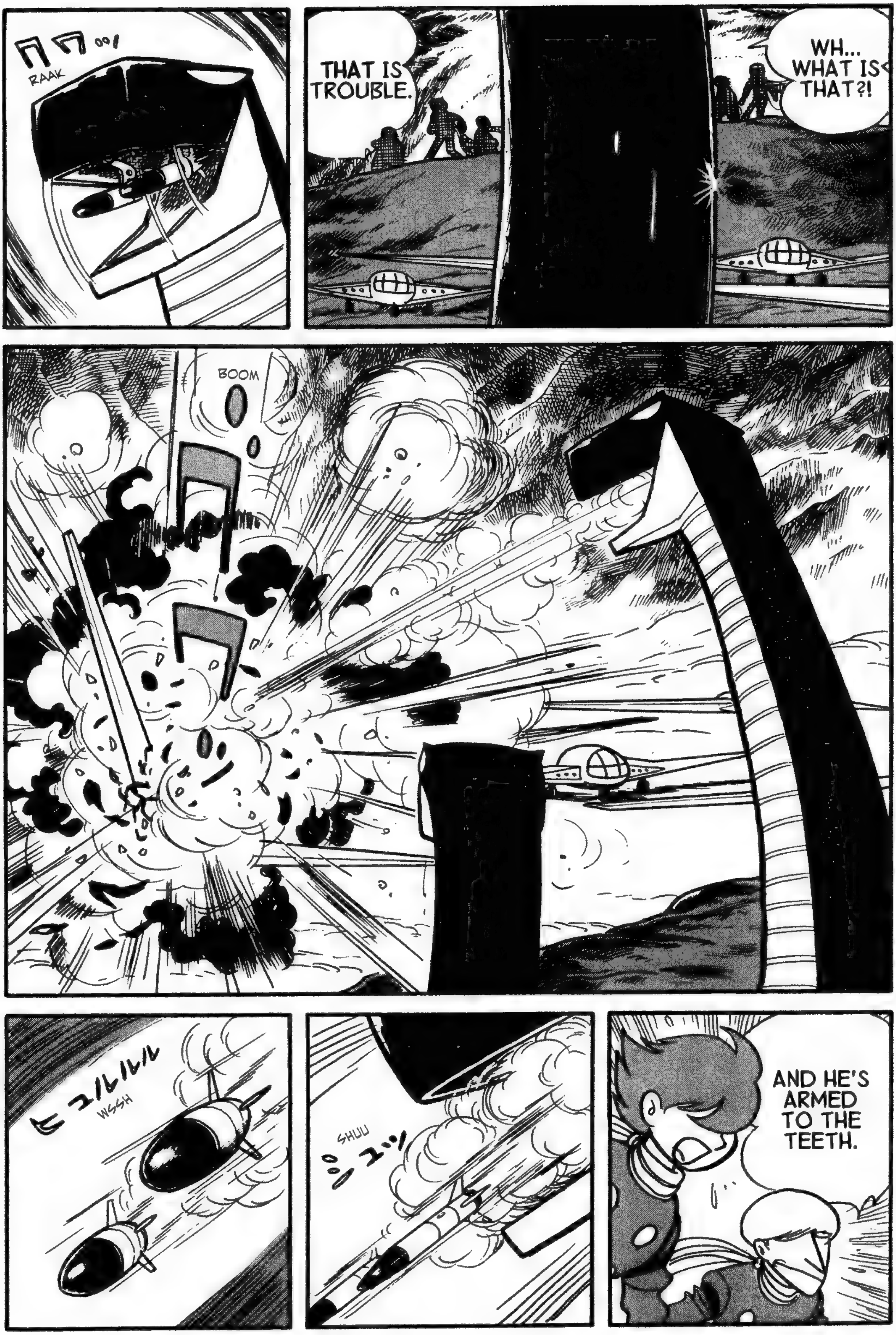

THEY JUST KEEP COMING IN DROVES.
WE'RE RATHER POPULAR, AREN'T WE?
THEY'VE SURROUNDED US.
IT'S A WAR TO THEM?

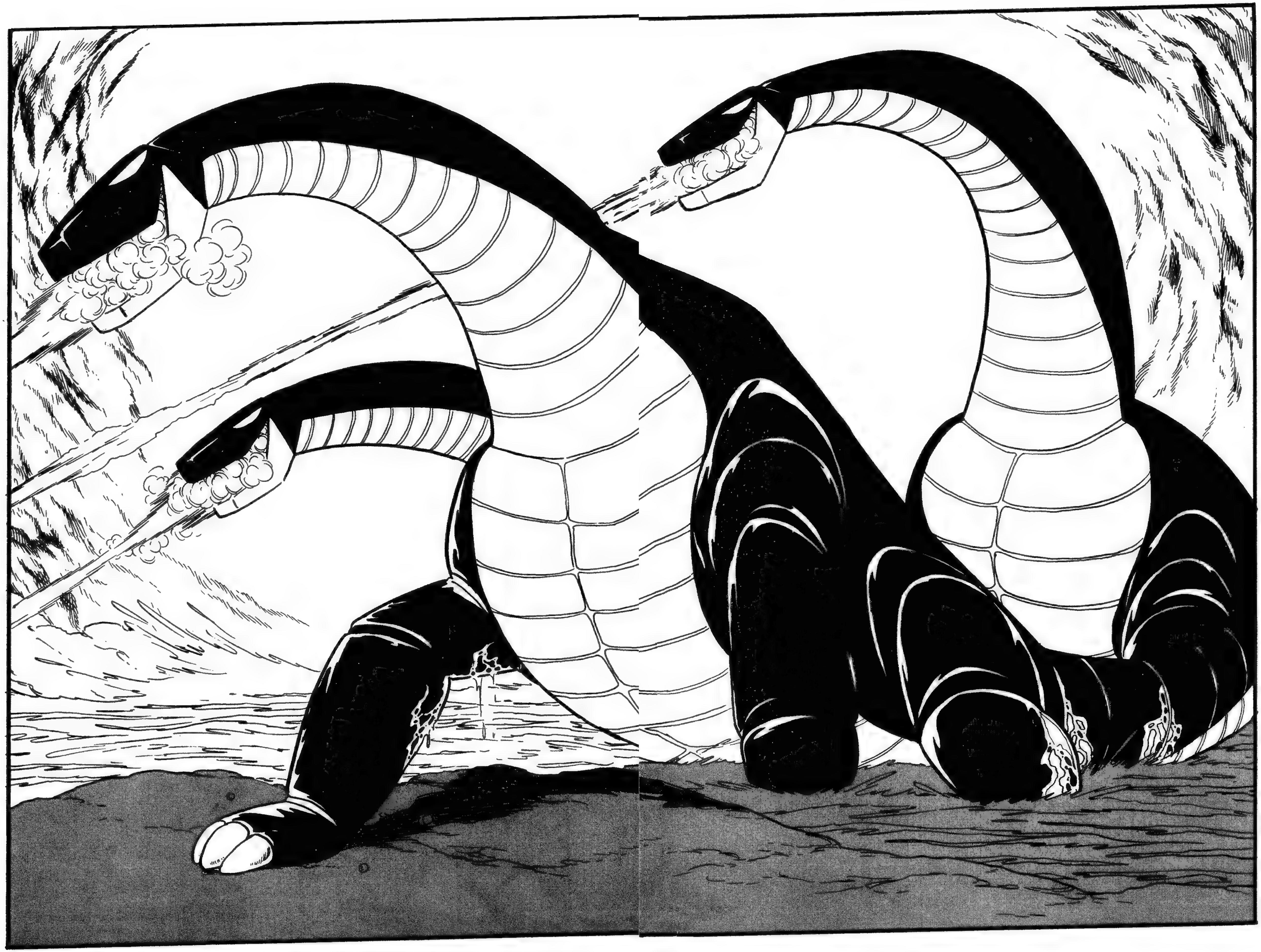

SHE LOOKS FIT TO ME.
HEY, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
BESIDES THAT, WE HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR THE TIKE, GRAMPS AND THE GIRL.
IT'S TIME TO THINK!
WHAT?
YOU SHUT UP!
OKAY!
LET'S HEED 001'S WARNING.
IF WE STAY HERE MUCH LONGER, THINGS ARE GOING TO GET UGLY.
ANY OTHER PLANS?
WE MAY BE POWERFUL...
...BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY OVERPOWER US.

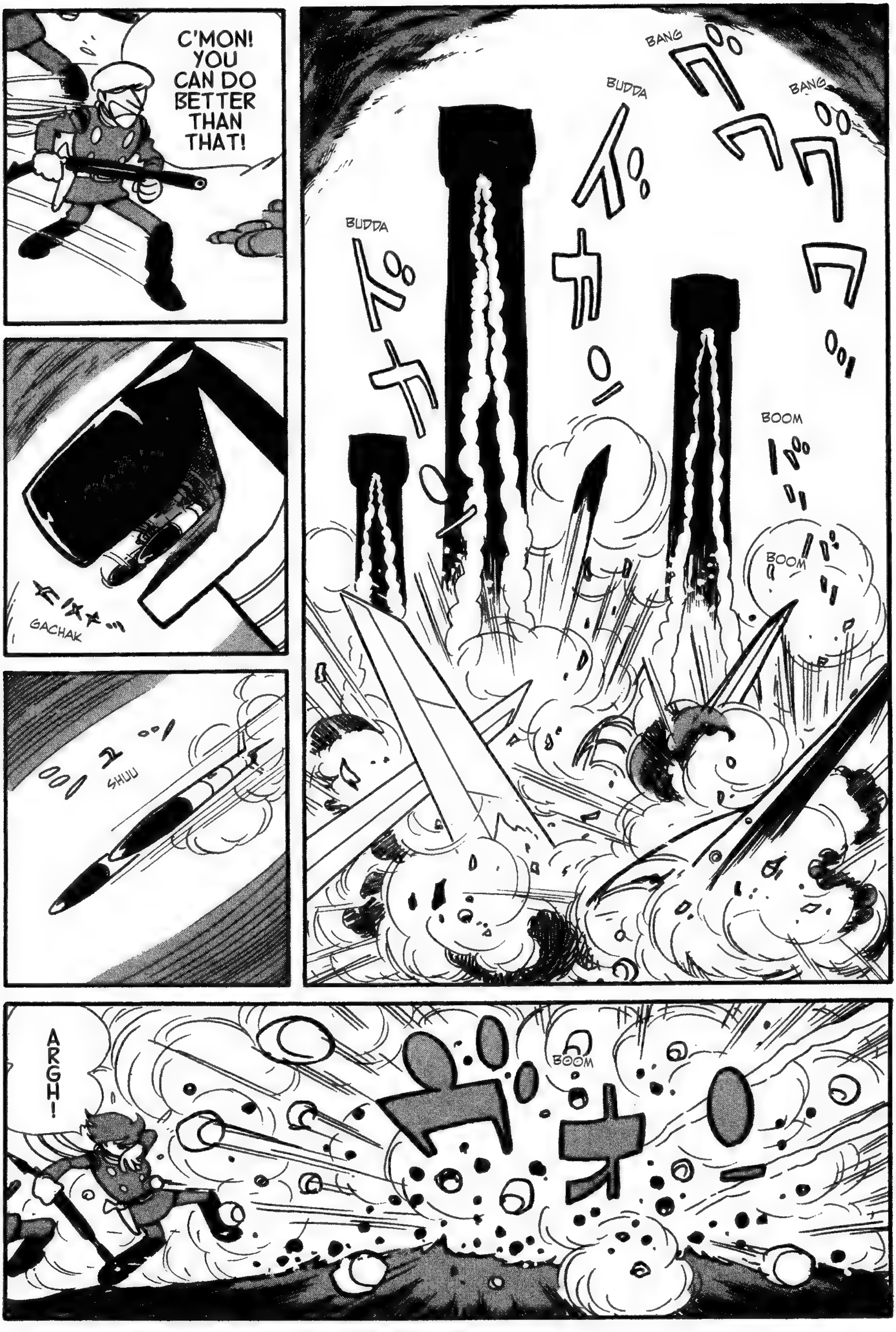

THE MORE WE FIGHT THEM, THE MORE THEY LEARN ABOUT US. SHORTLY, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT OUR WEAKNESSES.
THEY KNOW OUR STRENGTHS... HOW WE WORK...HOW WE ADAPT.
MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THEY ARE THE ONES THAT MADE US.
WHAT?
SHH.
WHAT NOW?
DAMN THOSE SCIENTISTS! WE SHOULD'VE BUMPED 'EM OFF WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE!
YOU HAVE A POINT THERE, DIAPER.
ギ~
GRR
WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN A BAT.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
Surrender now! There's no escaping us!
A TALKING BAT! WHAT NEXT?!
Cyborgs!

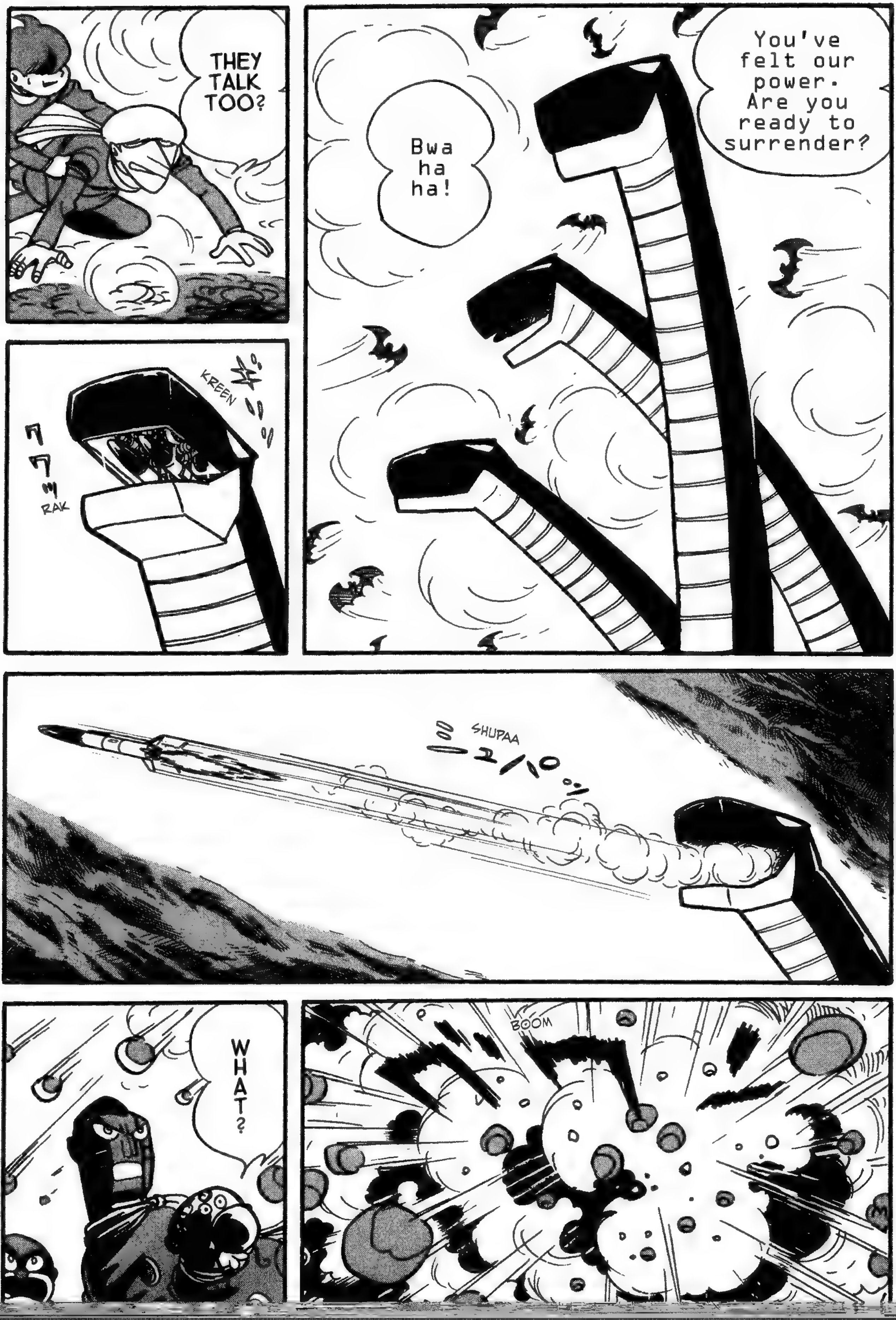

BLAM
BA BA BA
SINK YOUR TEETH IN THIS!
004, I'm glad your combat skills ...
...are improving nicely.
WHERE ARE YOU?
...
You'll never get us all!
We are everywhere.
FLAP
FLAP
The only way you'll get out alive...
...is as our prisoners!
OH YEAH?
CHEW ON THESE!
Wa ha ha ha ha!
BLAM

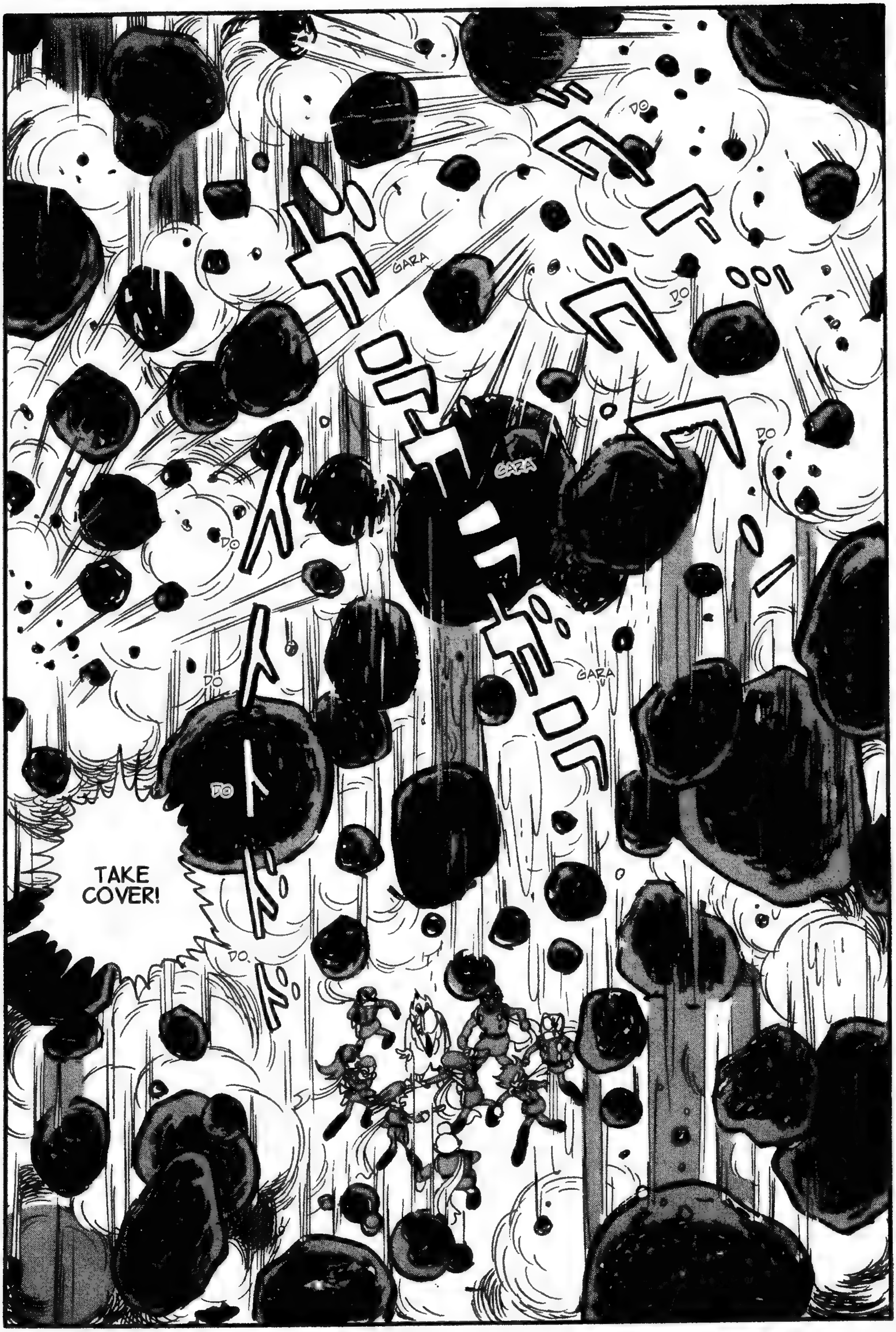

WA
HA
HA
WA
HA
HA
Give up.
Give up.
BUDDA
BUDDA
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM.
Wa ha ha ha ha ha.
Give up.
SHHH
ONCE AGAIN, 004, YOU CLEARED THE ROOM.
WAIT...
IT'S COMING BY SEA.
WHAT'S IT NOW?
ZA
ZA
IS IT A SUBMARINE?
ザバーッ
SPLASH

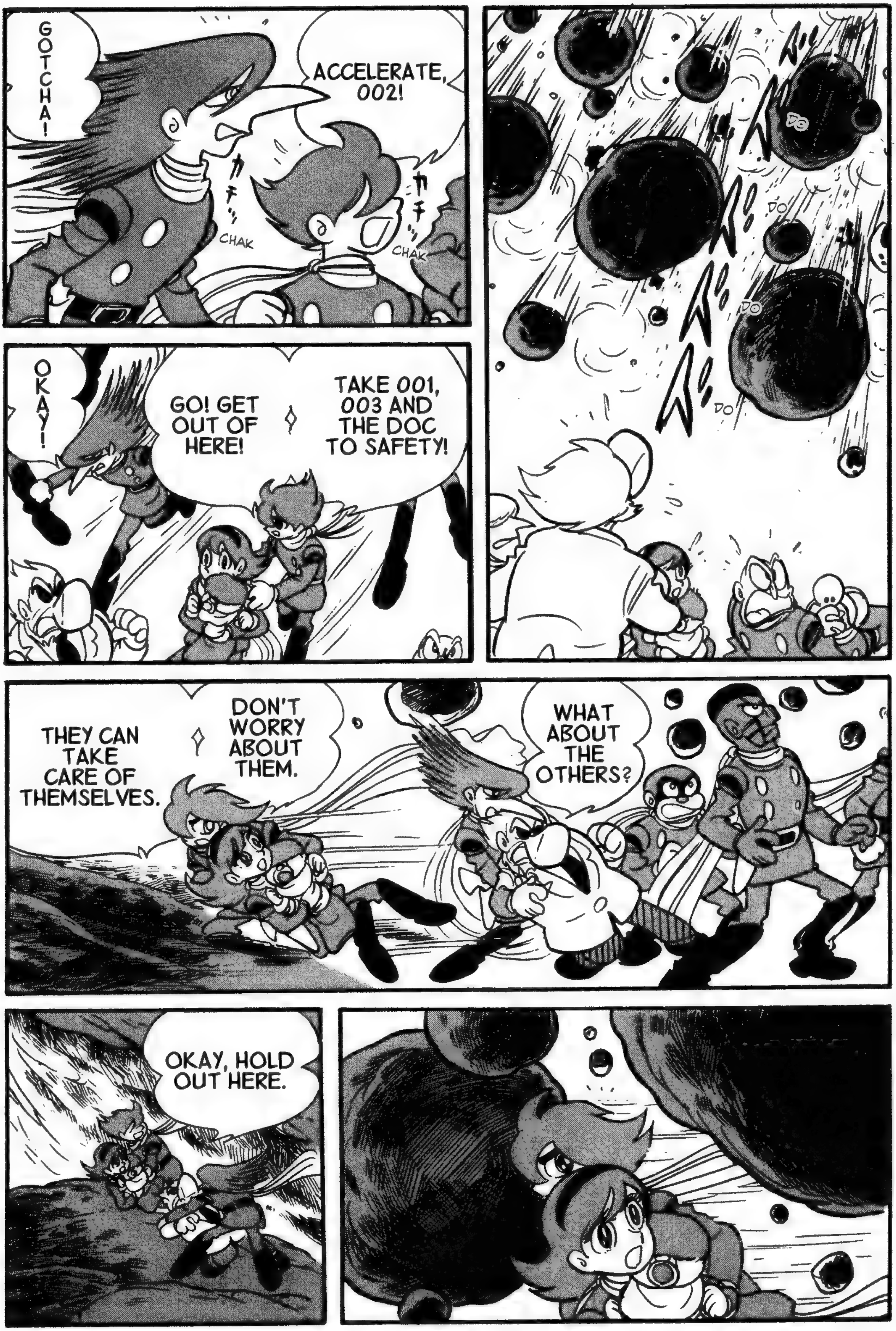

WH... WHAT IS THAT?!
THAT IS TROUBLE.
ガガッ
RAAK
BOOM
AND HE'S ARMED TO THE TEETH.
シュッ
SHUU
ヒュルルルル
WSSH

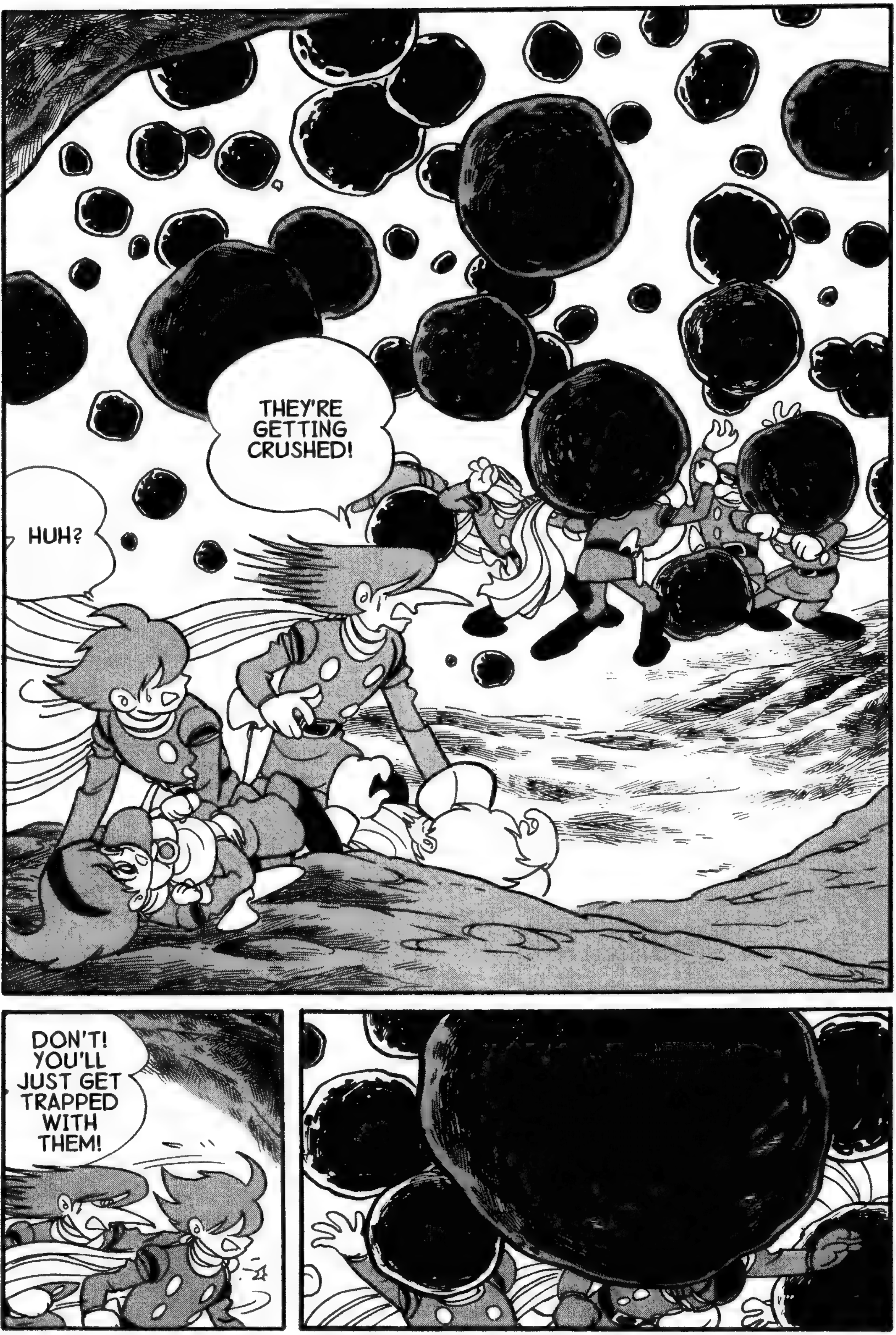


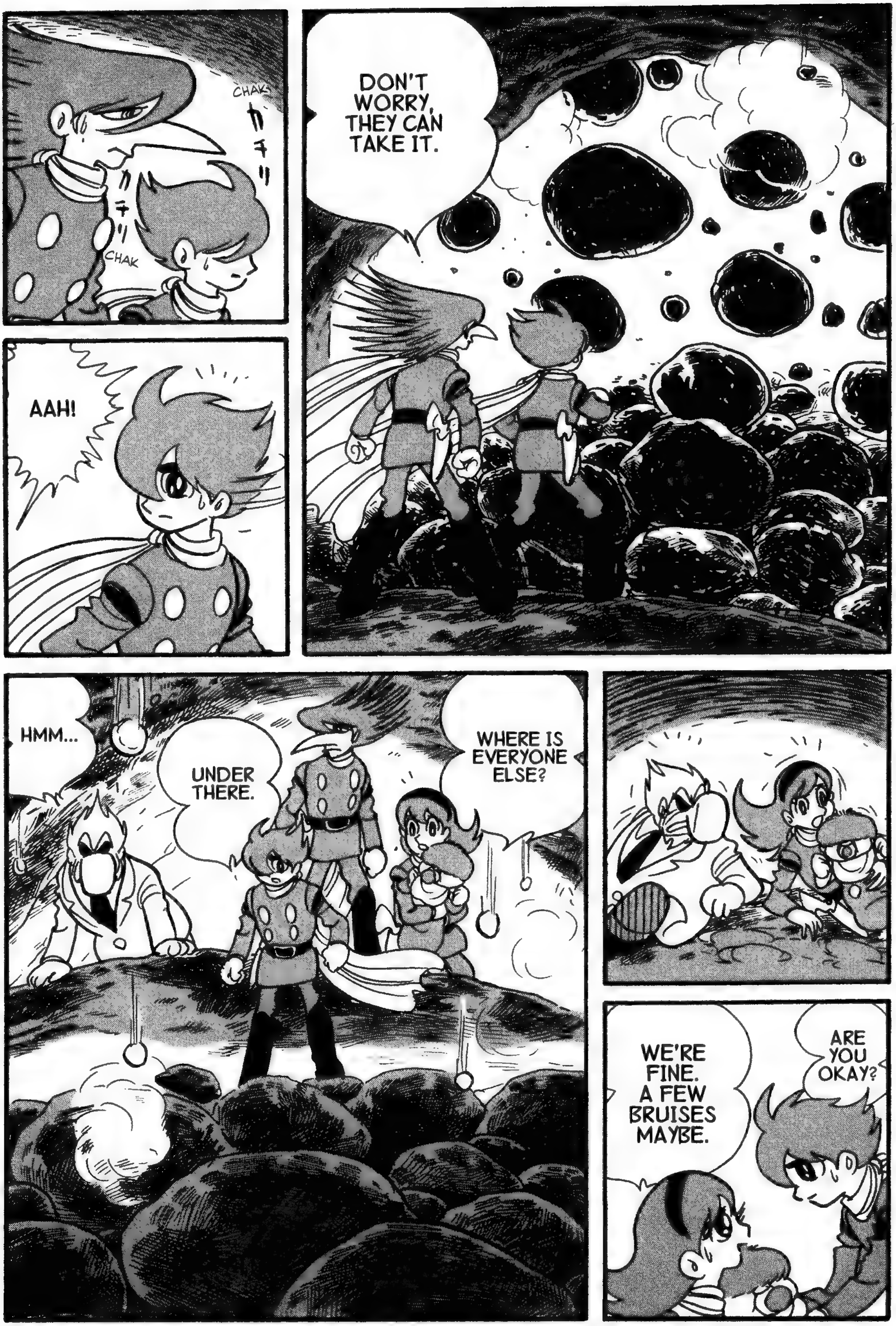

C'MON! YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!
GACHAK
SHUU
BANG
BUDDA
BANG
BUDDA
BOOM
BOOM
ARGH!
BOOM

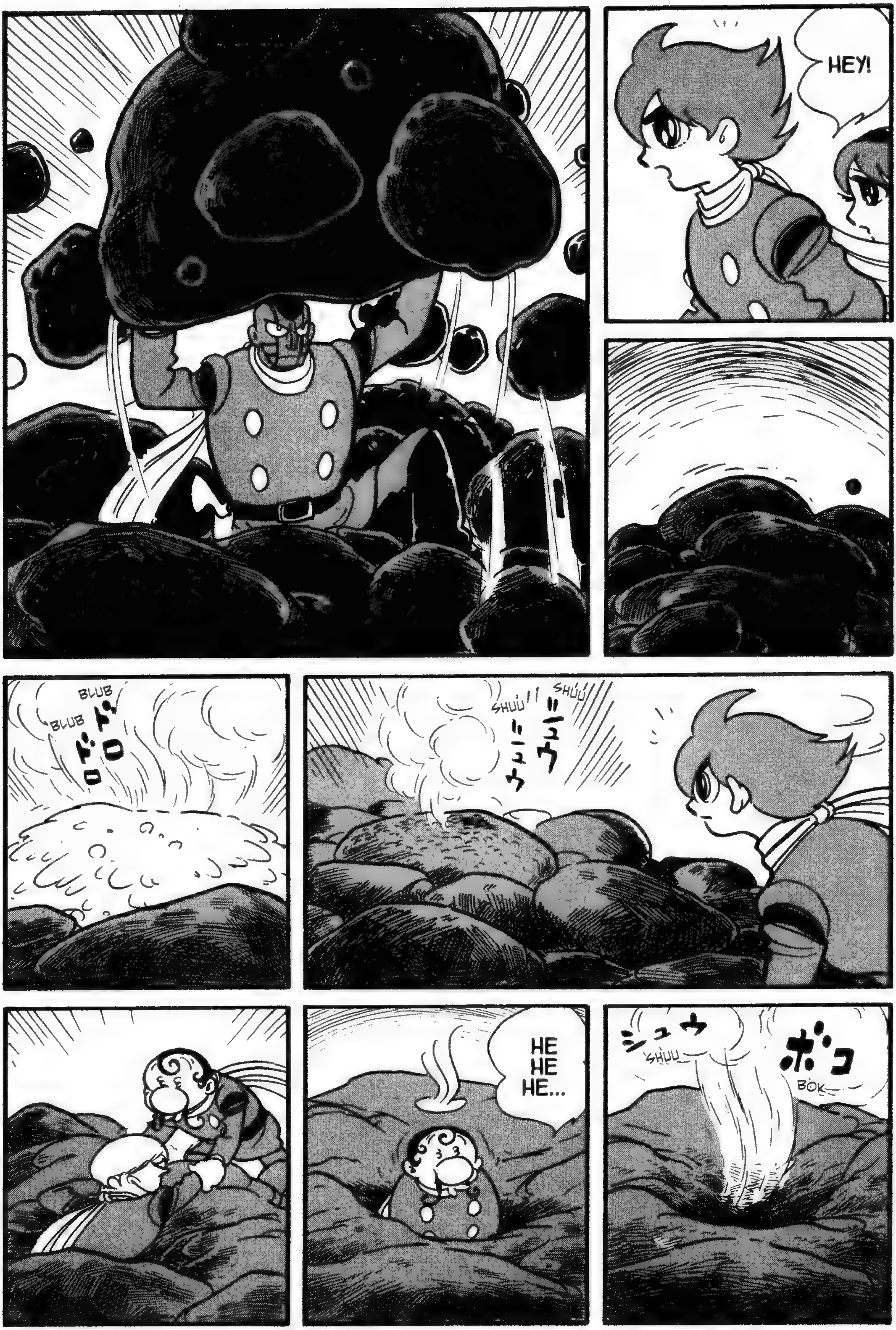

You've felt our power. Are you ready to surrender?
Bwa ha ha!
THEY TALK TOO?
KREEN
RAK
SHUPAA
BOOM
WHAT?

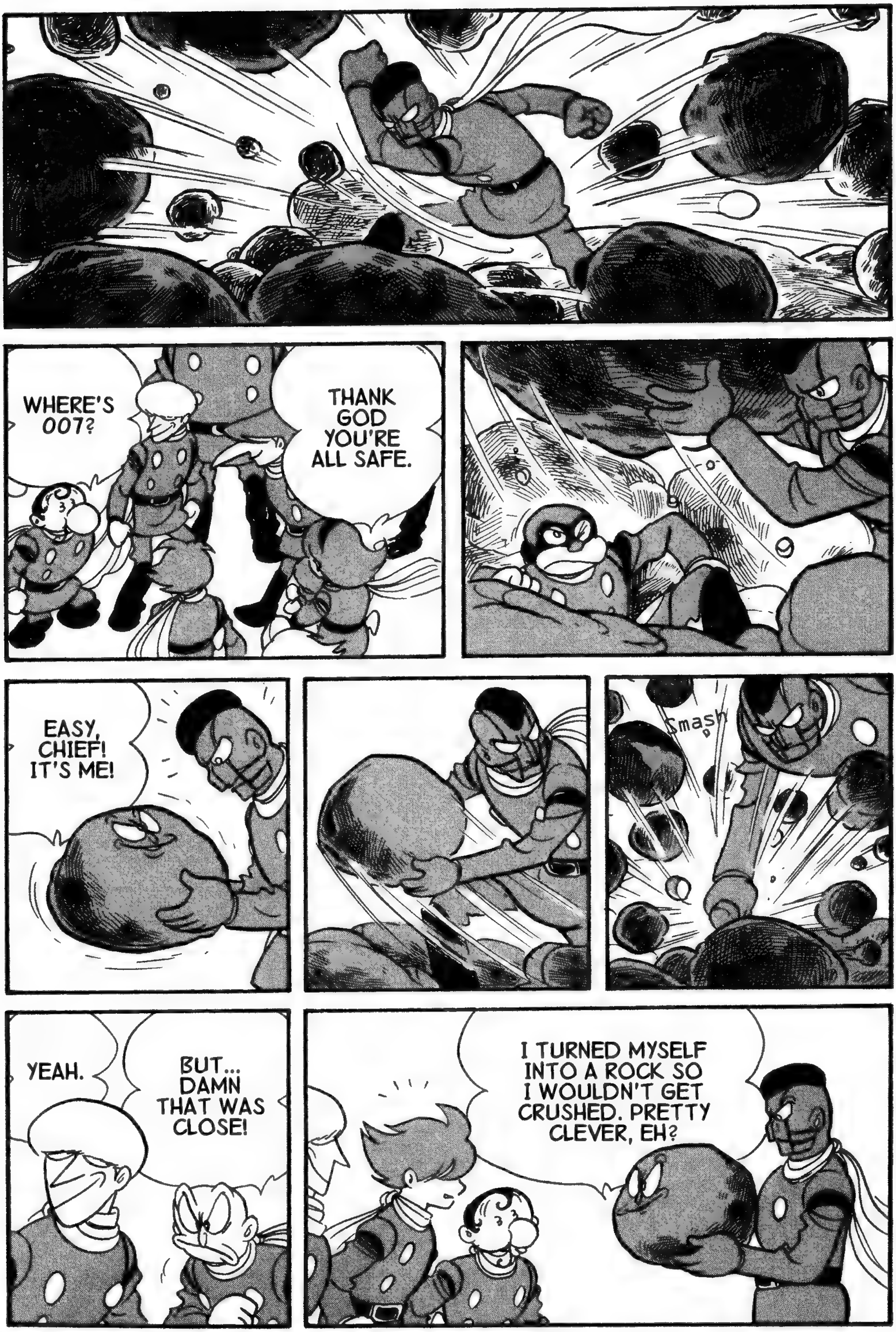

DO
DO
DO
GARA
GARA
GARA
DO
DO
DO
TAKE COVER!
DO.

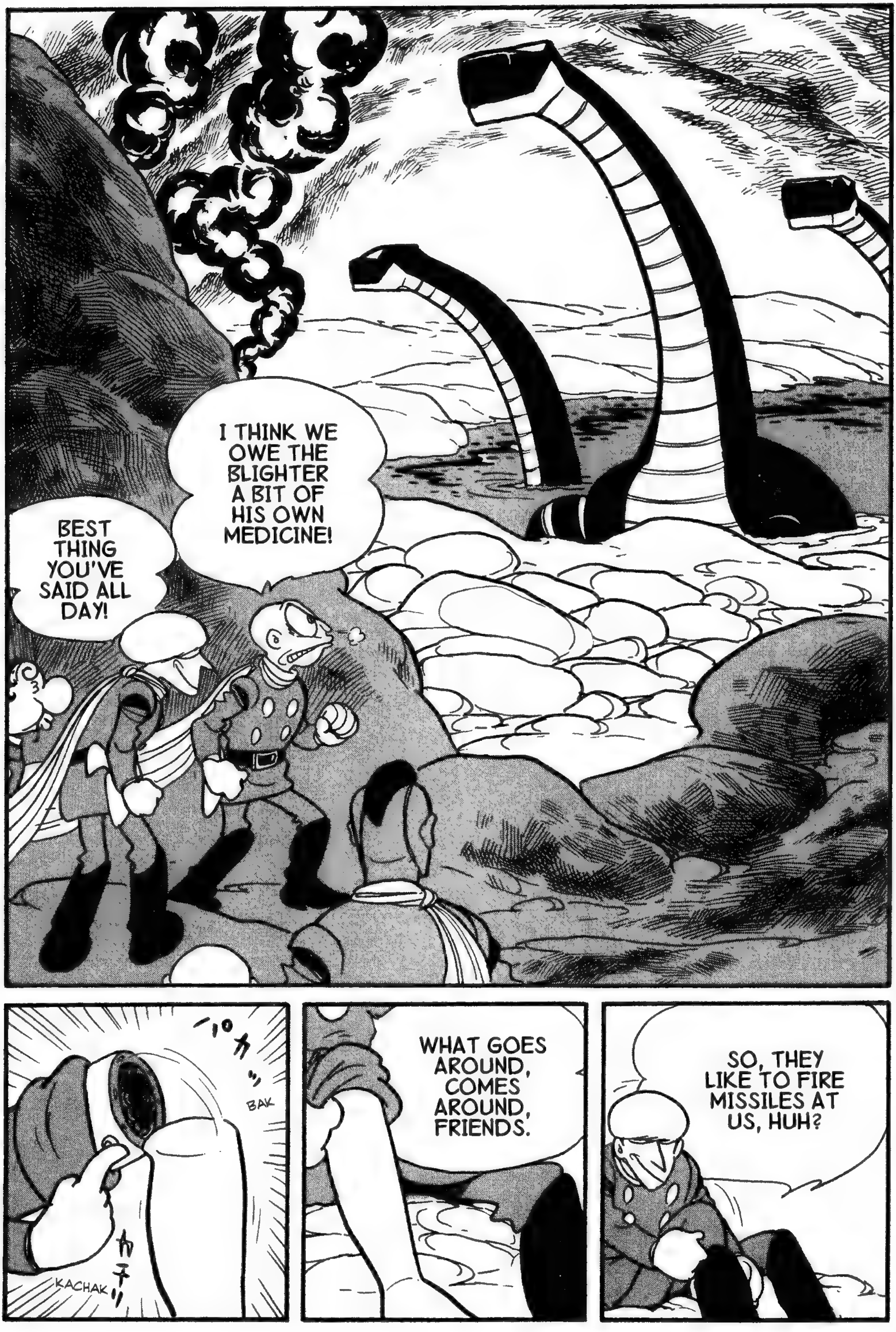

DO
DO
DO
ACCELERATE, 002!
GOTCHA!
CHAK
CHAK
TAKE 001, 003 AND THE DOC TO SAFETY!
GO! GET OUT OF HERE!
OKAY!
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM.
THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.
OKAY, HOLD OUT HERE.

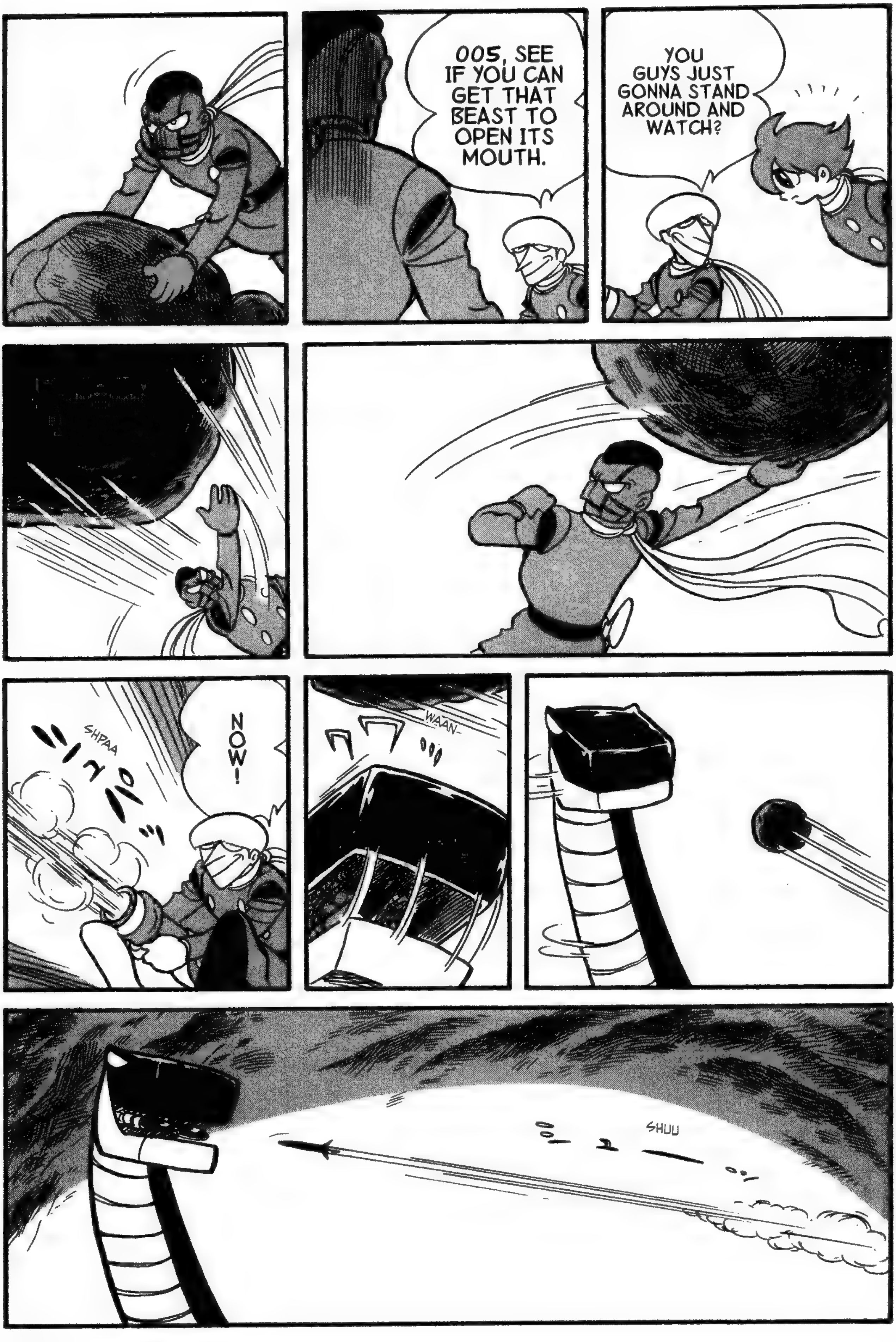

THEY'RE GETTING CRUSHED!
HUH?
DON'T! YOU'LL JUST GET TRAPPED WITH THEM!

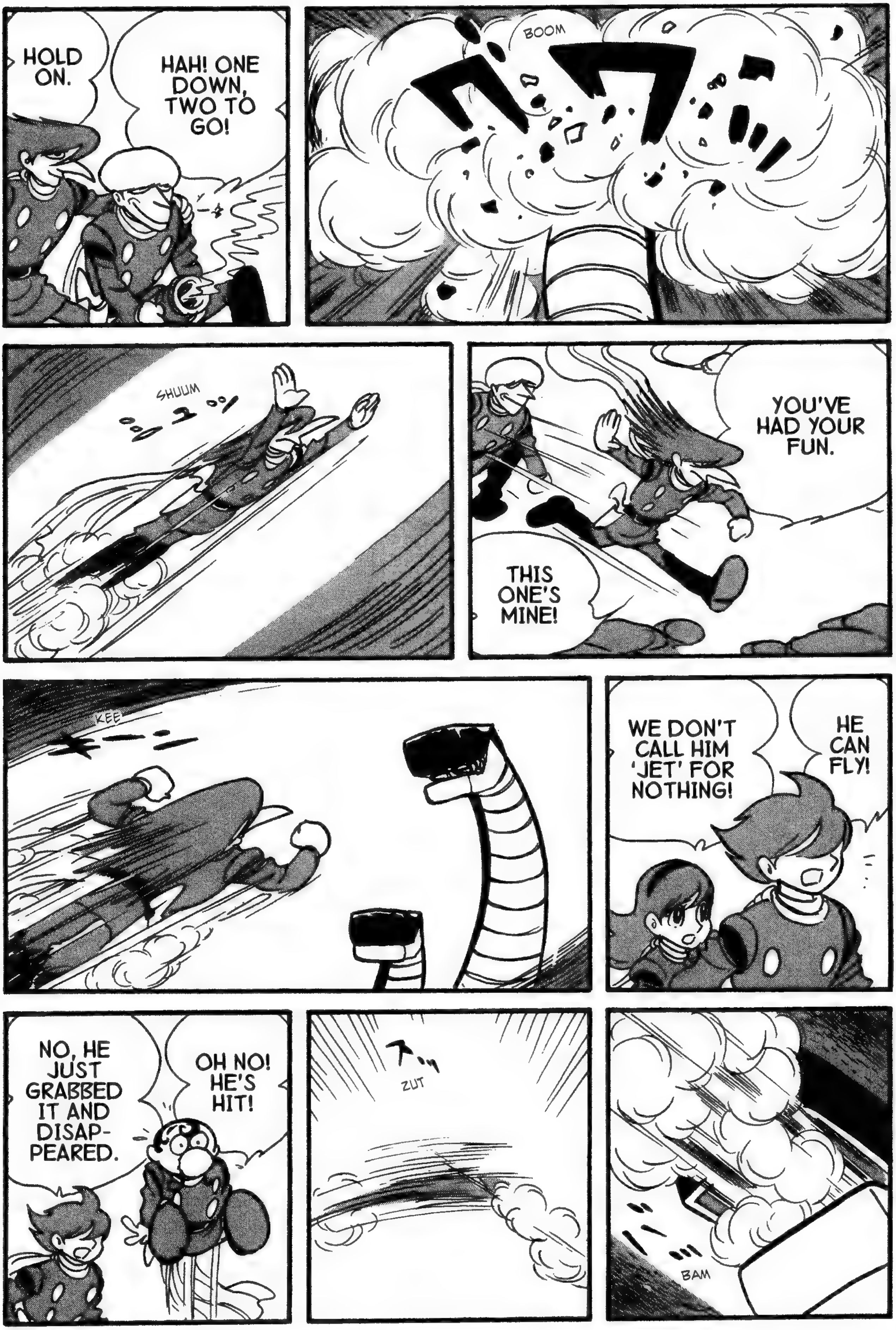

CHAK
カチリ
カチリ
CHAK
AAH!
DON'T WORRY, THEY CAN TAKE IT.
WHERE IS EVERYONE ELSE?
UNDER THERE.
HMM...
ARE YOU OKAY?
WE'RE FINE. A FEW BRUISES MAYBE.

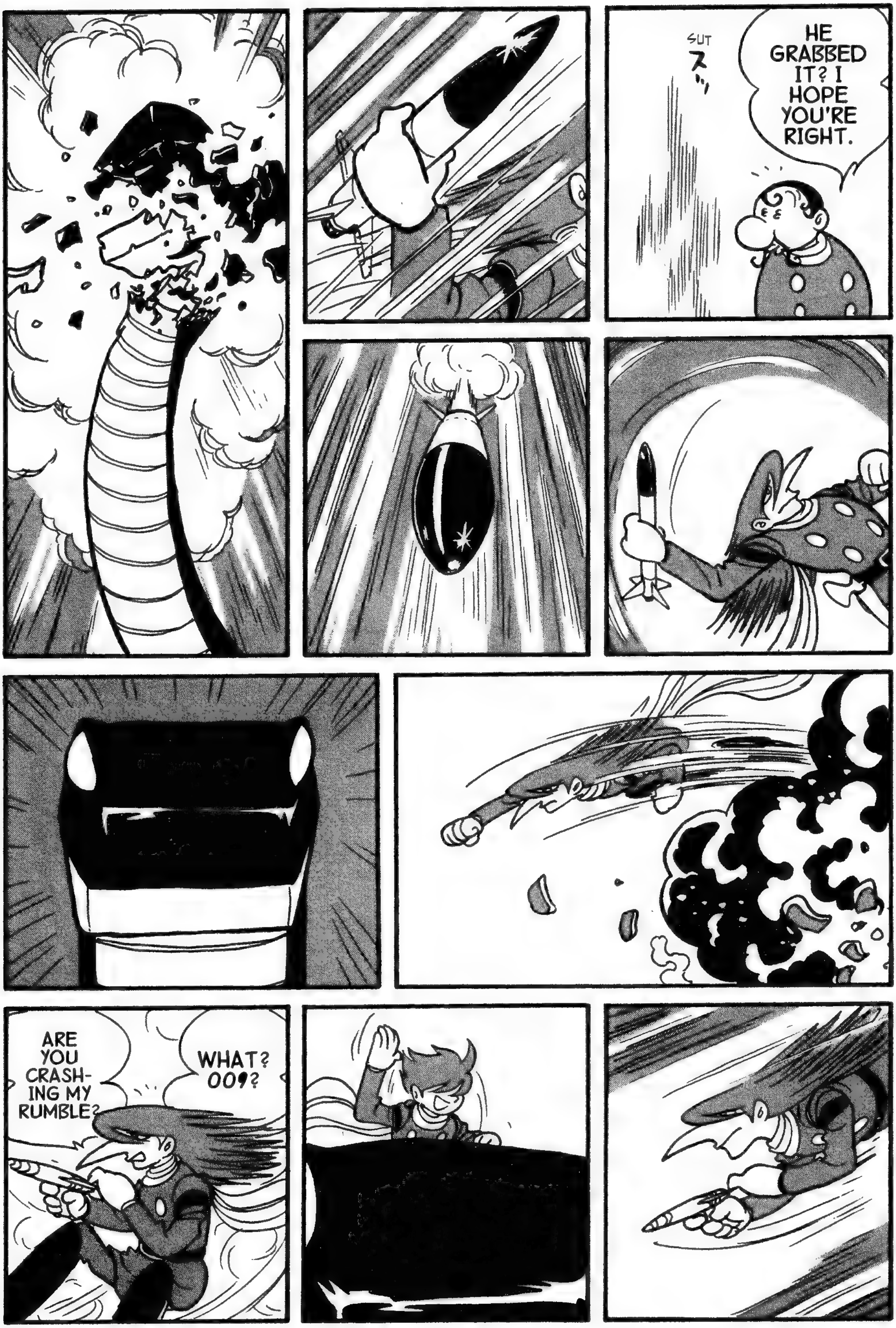

HEY!
BLUB BLUB
ドロドロ
SHUU SHUU
ジュウジュウ
HE HE HE...
シュウ
SHUU
ボコ
BOK


THANK GOD YOU'RE ALL SAFE.
WHERE'S 007?
EASY, CHIEF! IT'S ME!
Smash
BUT... DAMN THAT WAS CLOSE!
YEAH.
I TURNED MYSELF INTO A ROCK SO I WOULDN'T GET CRUSHED. PRETTY CLEVER, EH?


I THINK WE OWE THE BLIGHTER A BIT OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!
BEST THING YOU'VE SAID ALL DAY!
BAK
KACHAK
WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND, FRIENDS.
SO, THEY LIKE TO FIRE MISSILES AT US, HUH?


005, SEE IF YOU CAN GET THAT BEAST TO OPEN ITS MOUTH.
YOU GUYS JUST GONNA STAND AROUND AND WATCH?
SHPAA
NOW!
WAAN-
SHUU


HAH! ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO!
HOLD ON.
BOOM
SHUUM
YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN.
THIS ONE'S MINE!
KEE
HE CAN FLY!
WE DON'T CALL HIM 'JET' FOR NOTHING!
OH NO! HE'S HIT!
NO, HE JUST GRABBED IT AND DISAPPEARED.
ZUT
BAM


SUT
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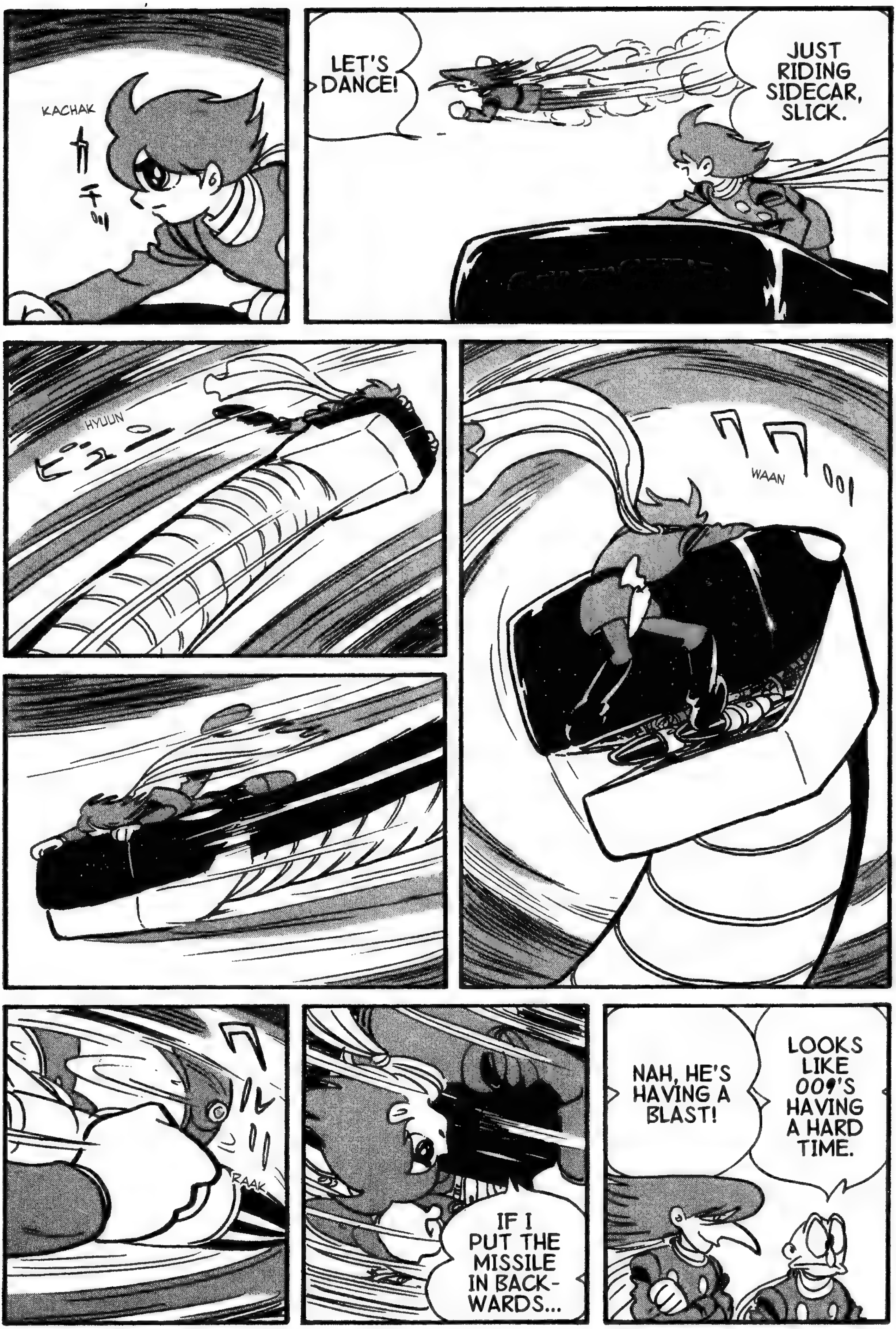
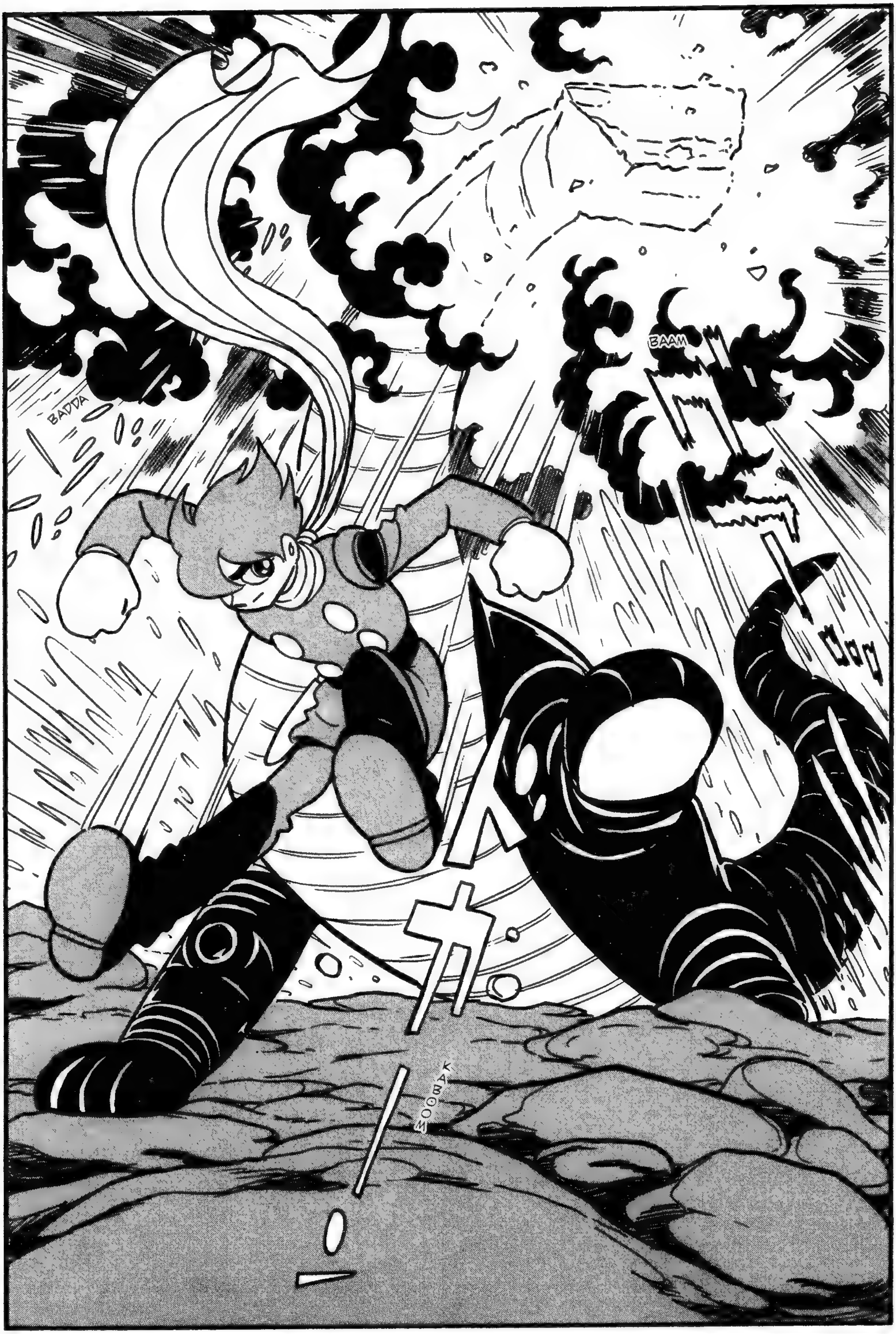
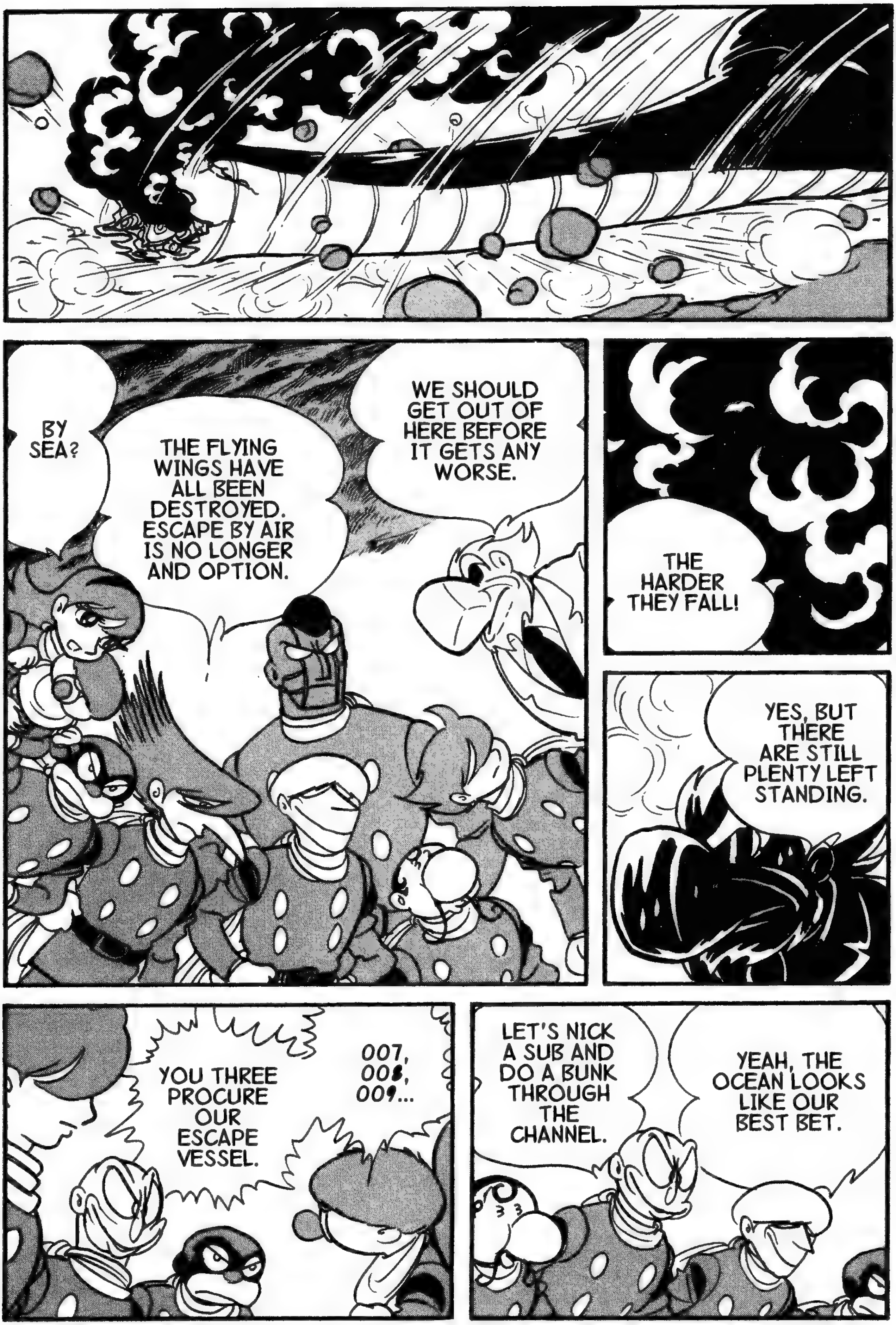
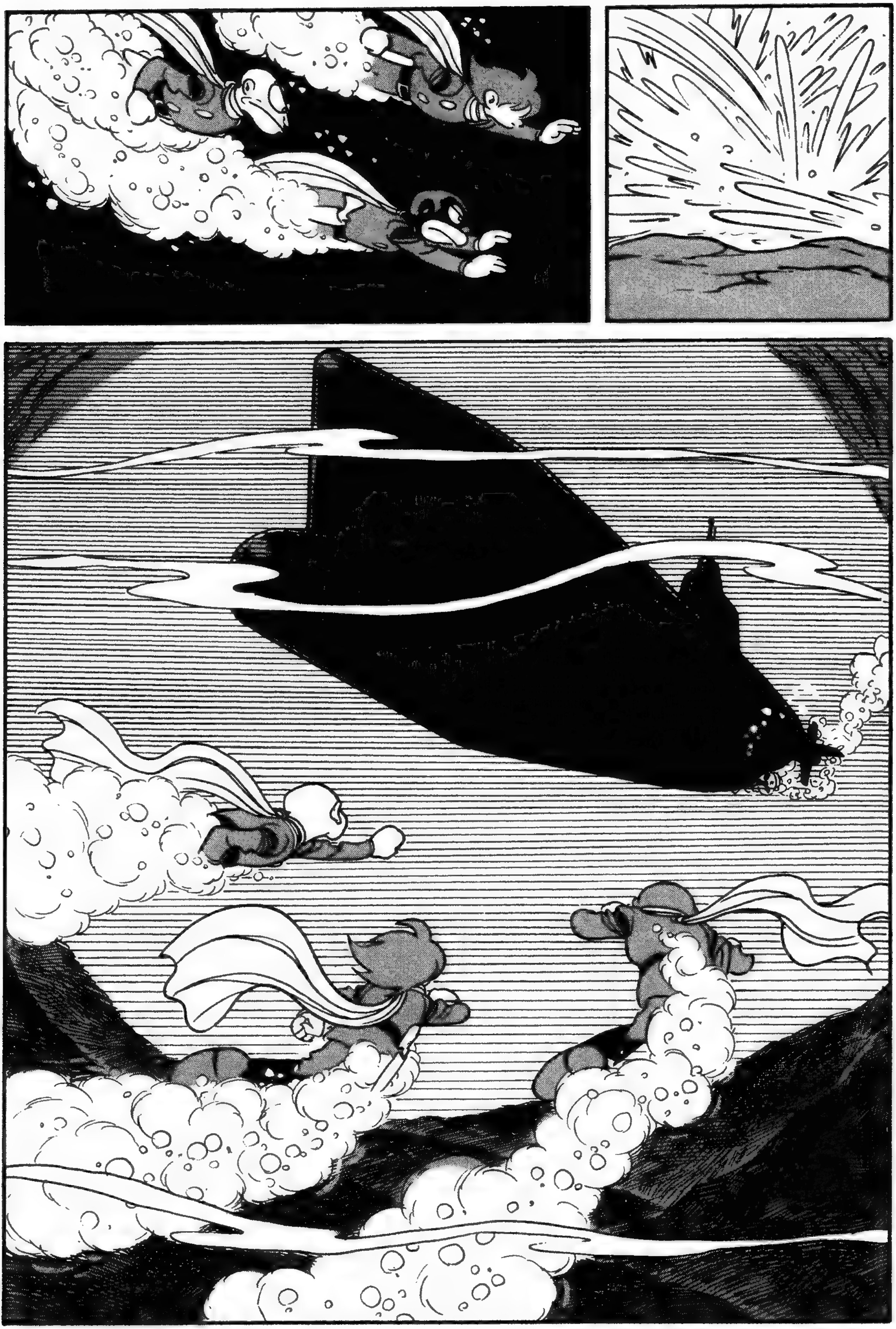
HE GRABBED IT? I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHAT? 009?
ARE YOU CRASHING MY RUMBLE?


JUST RIDING SIDECAR, SLICK.
LET'S DANCE!
KACHAK
WAAN
HYUUN
LOOKS LIKE 009'S HAVING A HARD TIME.
NAH, HE'S HAVING A BLAST!
IF I PUT THE MISSILE IN BACKWARDS...
RAAK


BAAM
BADDA
KABOOM


THE HARDER THEY FALL!
YES, BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY LEFT STANDING.
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT GETS ANY WORSE.
THE FLYING WINGS HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED. ESCAPE BY AIR IS NO LONGER AND OPTION.
BY SEA?
YEAH, THE OCEAN LOOKS LIKE OUR BEST BET.
LET'S NICK A SUB AND DO A BUNK THROUGH THE CHANNEL.
007, 008, 009...
YOU THREE PROCURE OUR ESCAPE VESSEL.



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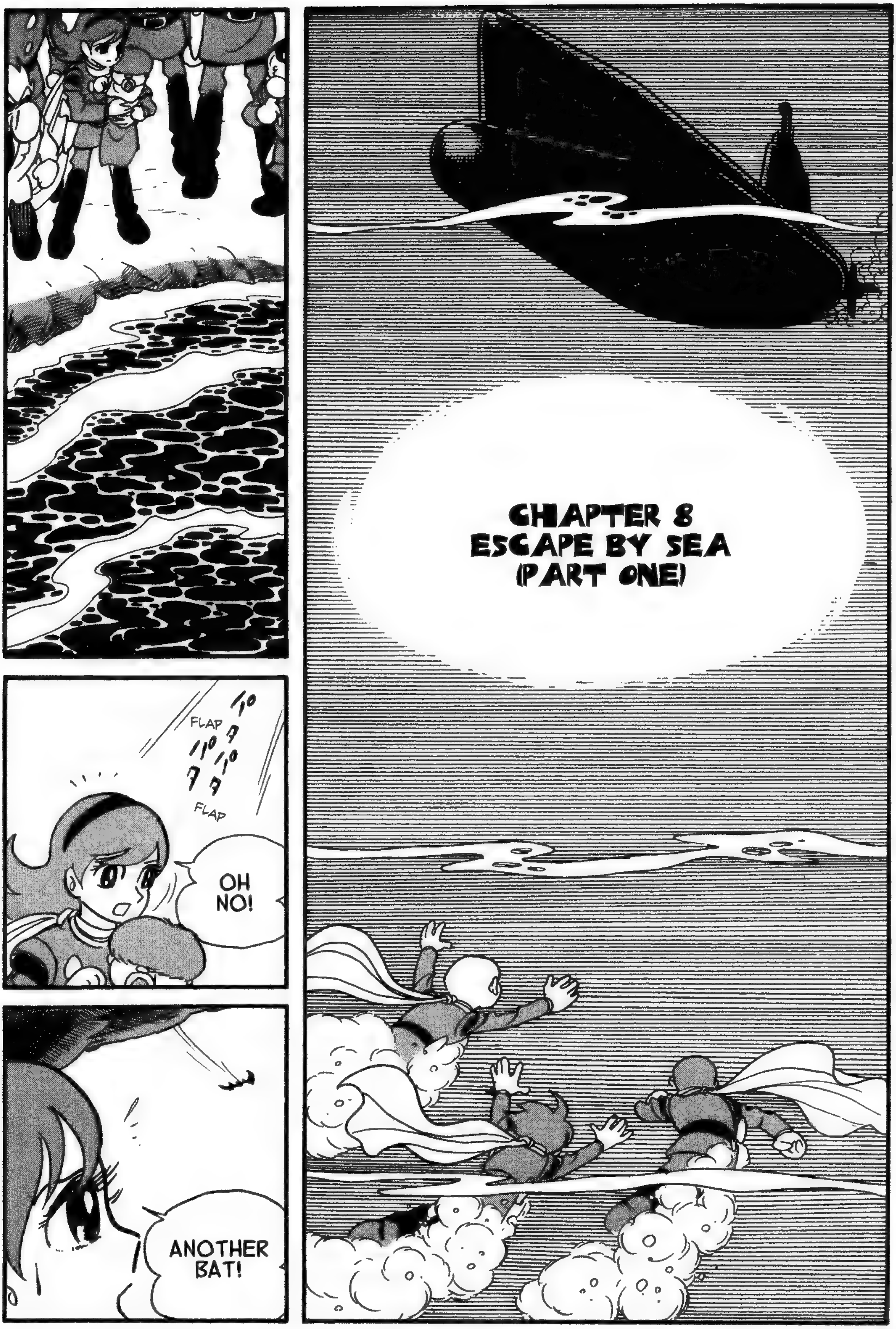
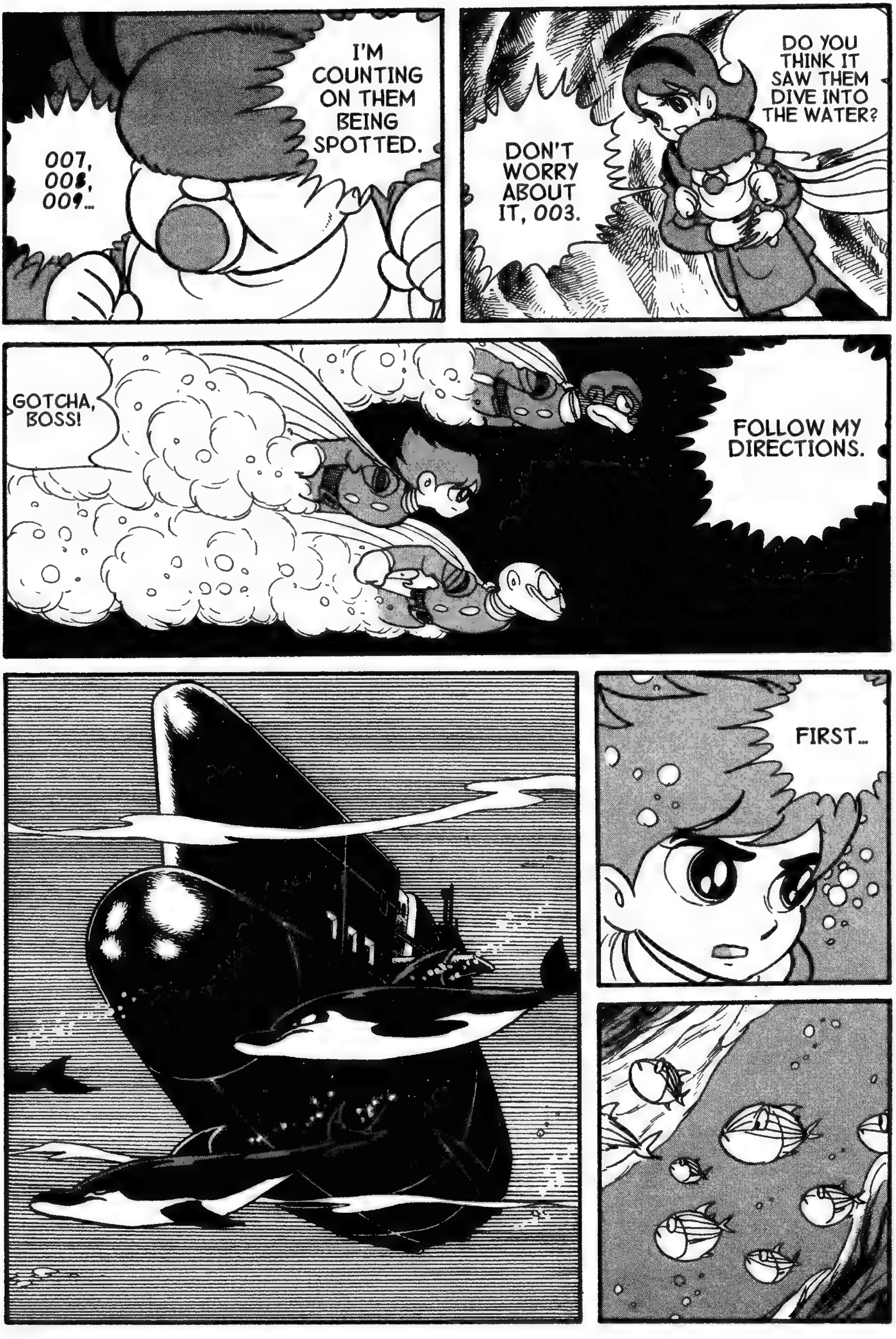
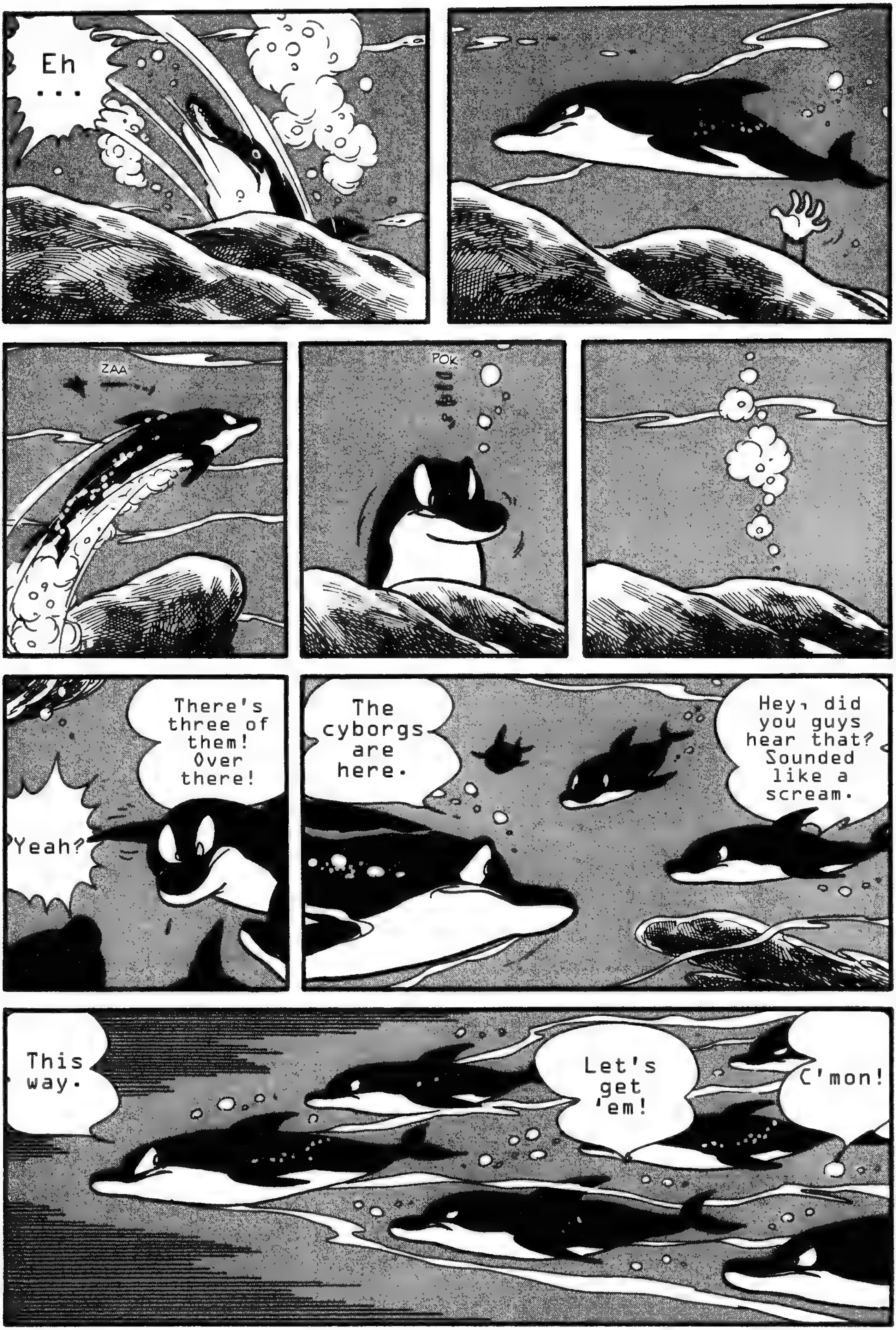
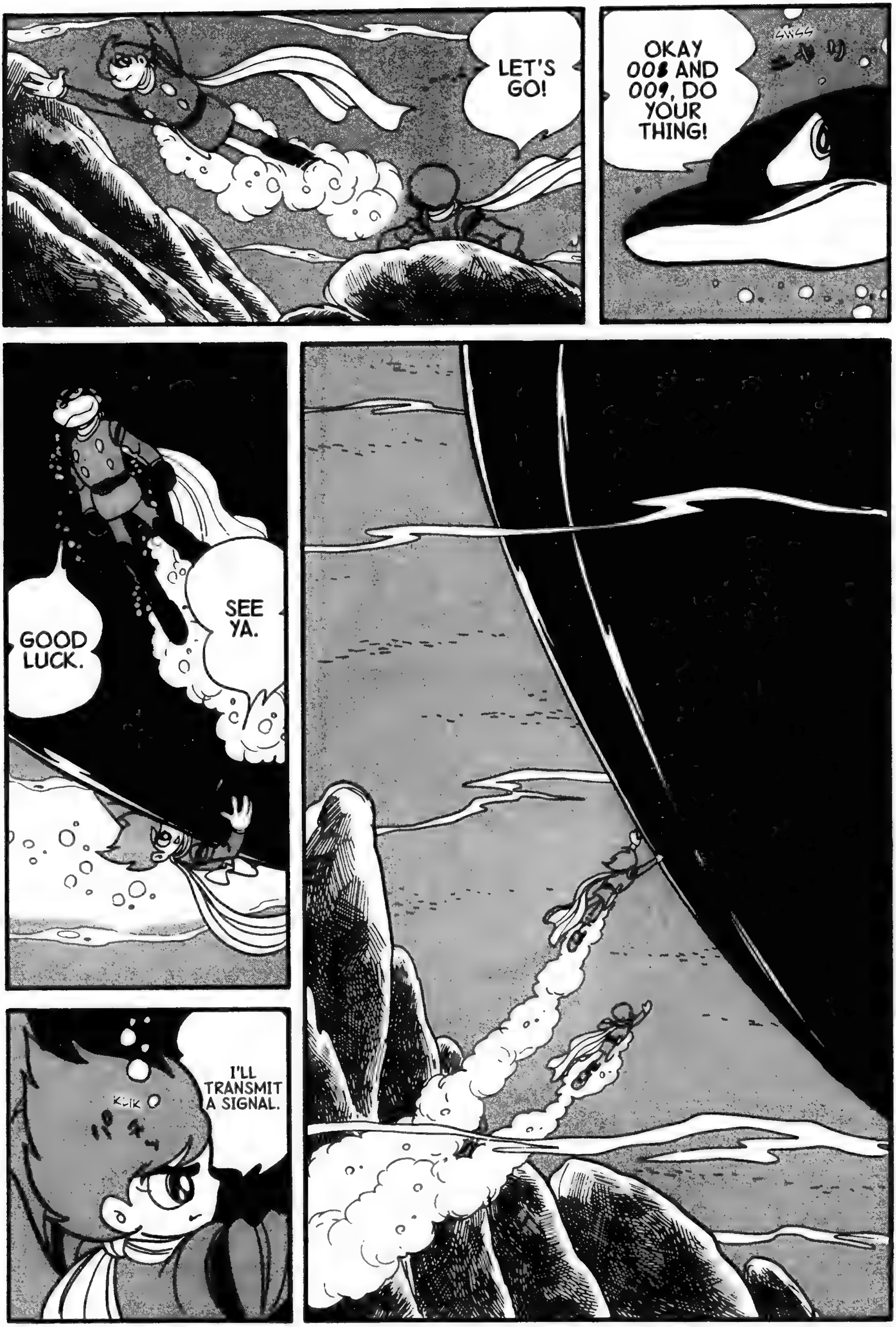
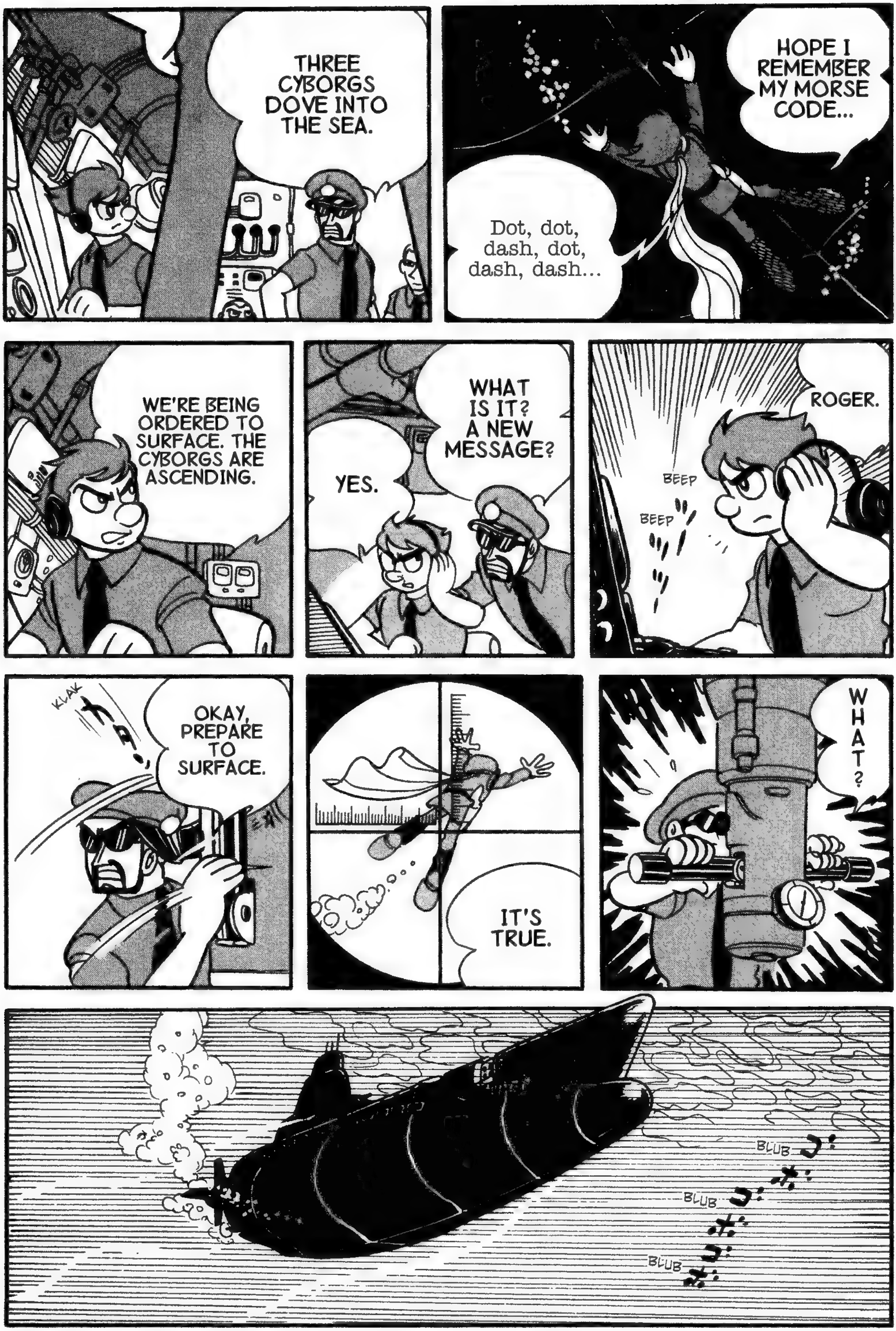
ESCAPE BY SEA (PART ONE)

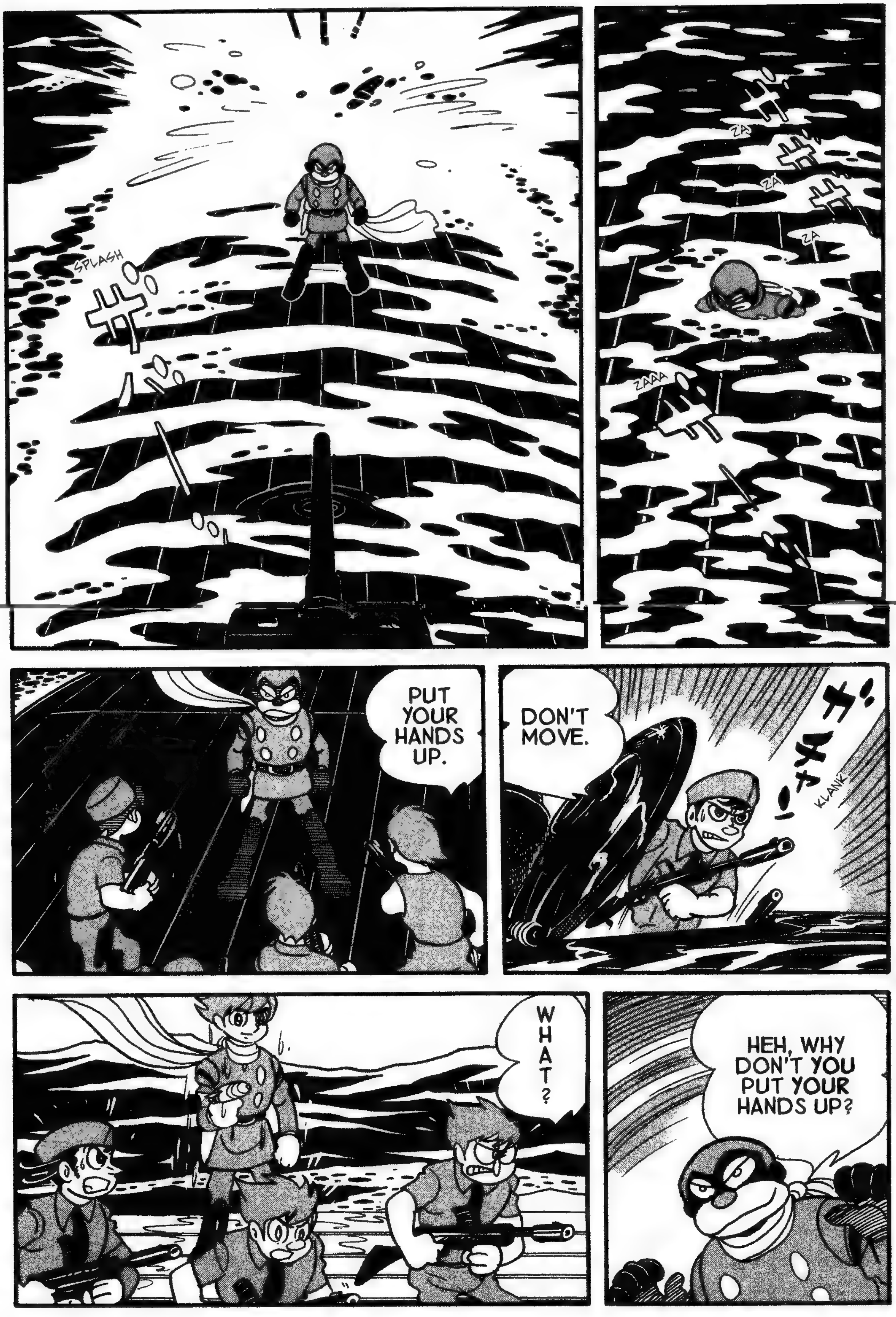

FLAP
FLAP
OH NO!
ANOTHER BAT!

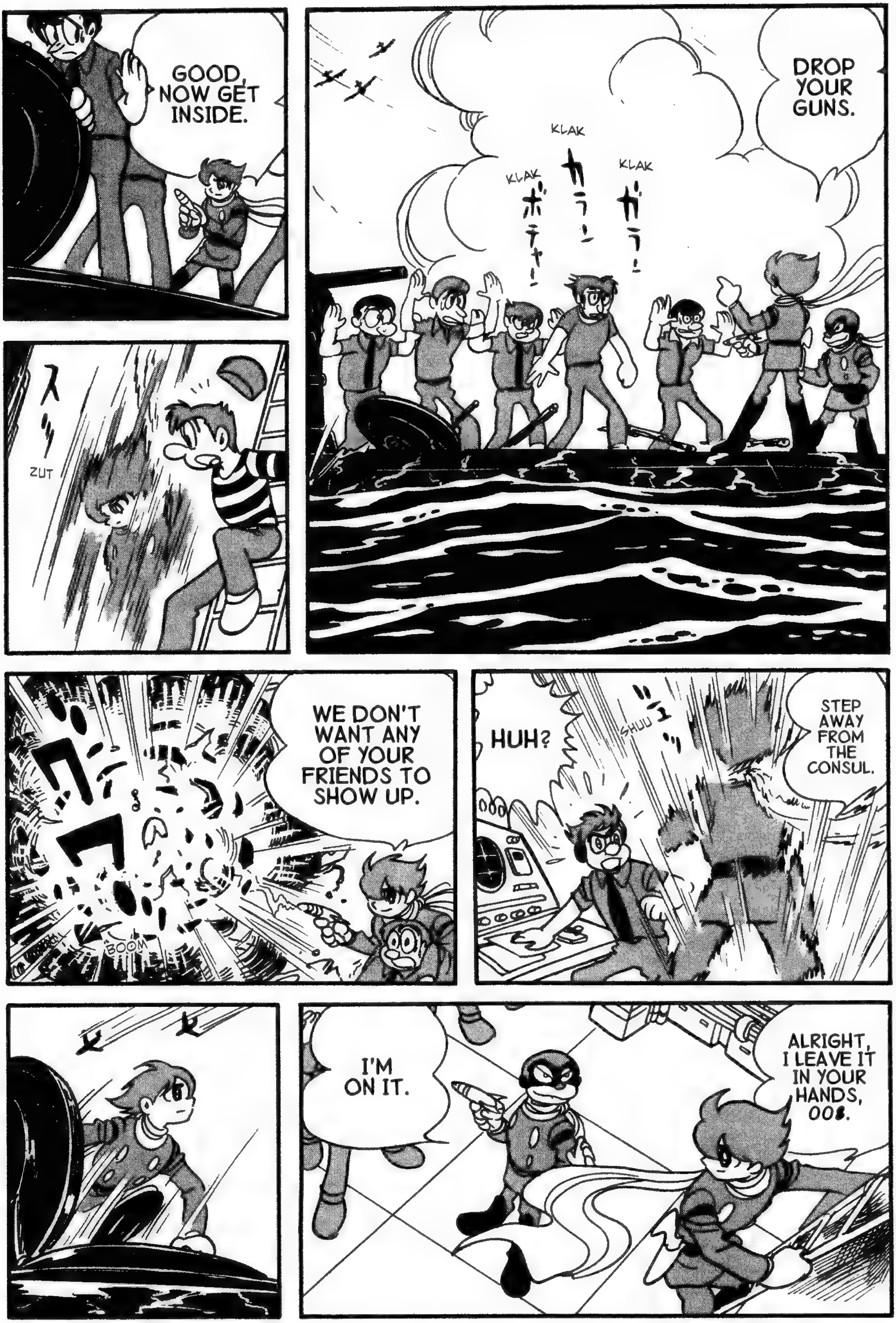

DO YOU THINK IT SAW THEM DIVE INTO THE WATER?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, 003.
I'M COUNTING ON THEM BEING SPOTTED.
007, 008, 009...
FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS.
GOTCHA, BOSS!
FIRST...

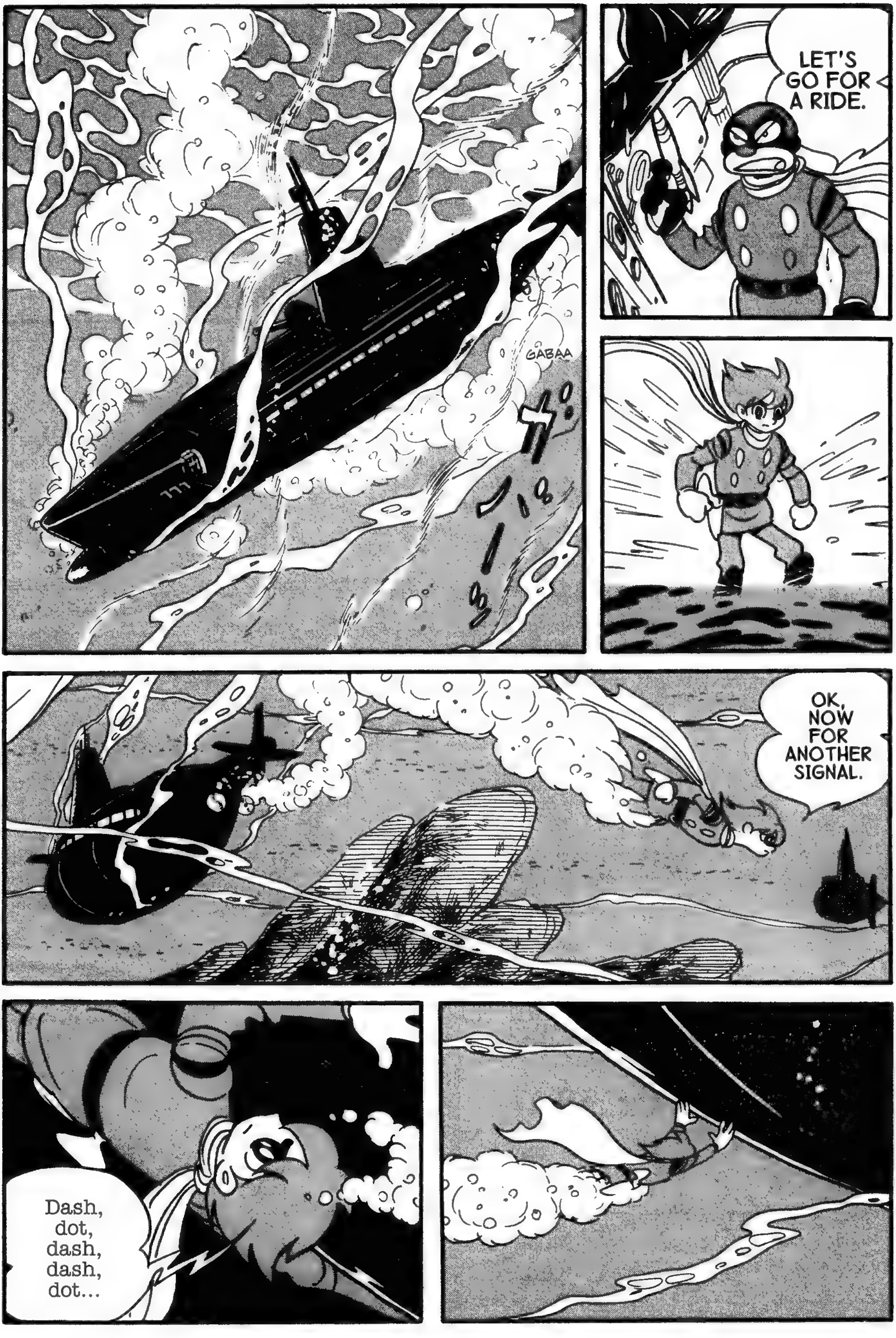

Eh ...
ZAA
POK
There's three of them! Over there!
Yeah?
The cyborgs are here.
Hey, did you guys hear that? Sounded like a scream.
This way.
Let's get 'em!
C'mon!

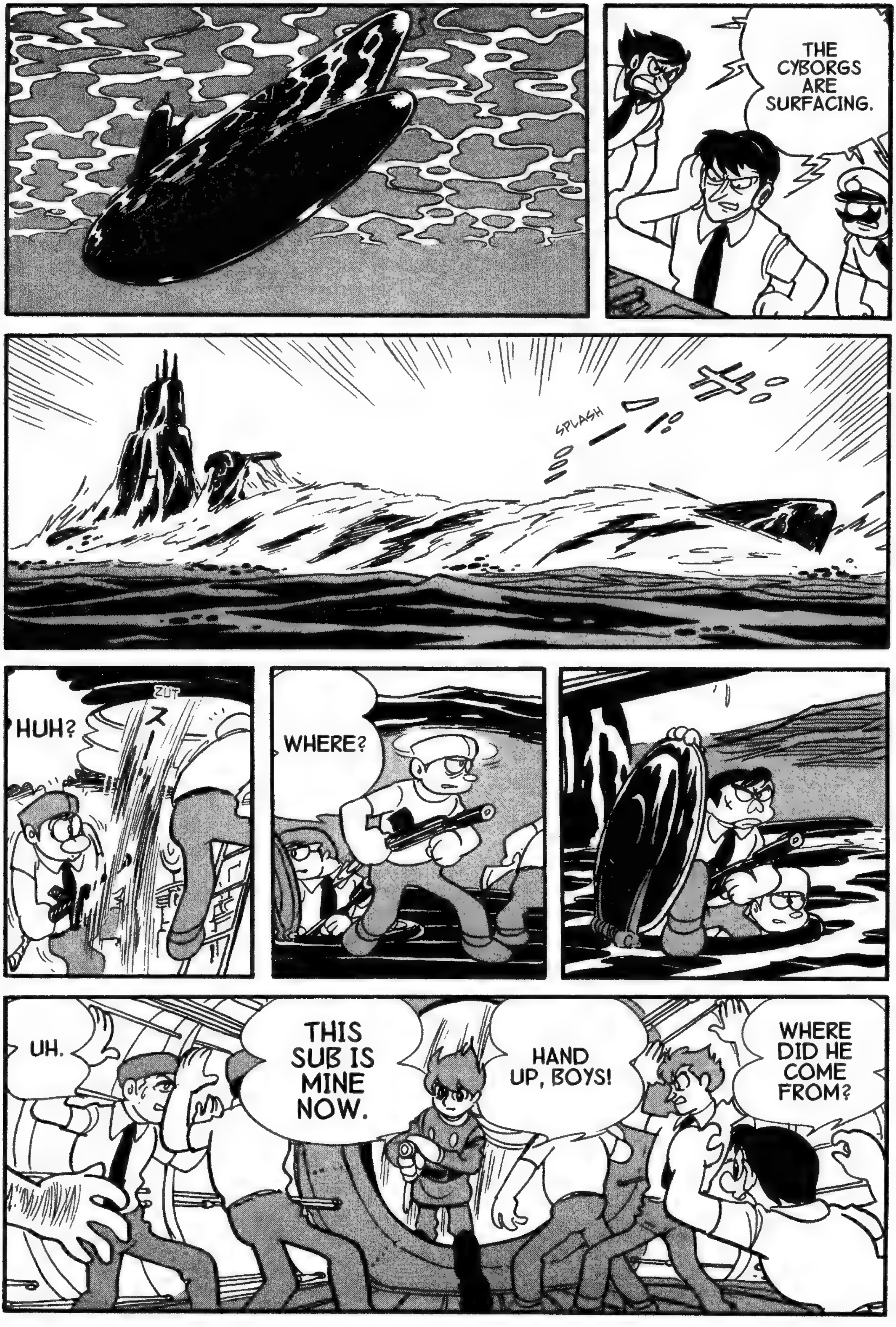

LET'S GO!
SWSS
OKAY 008 AND 009, DO YOUR THING!
SEE YA.
GOOD LUCK.
KLIK
I'LL TRANSMIT A SIGNAL.

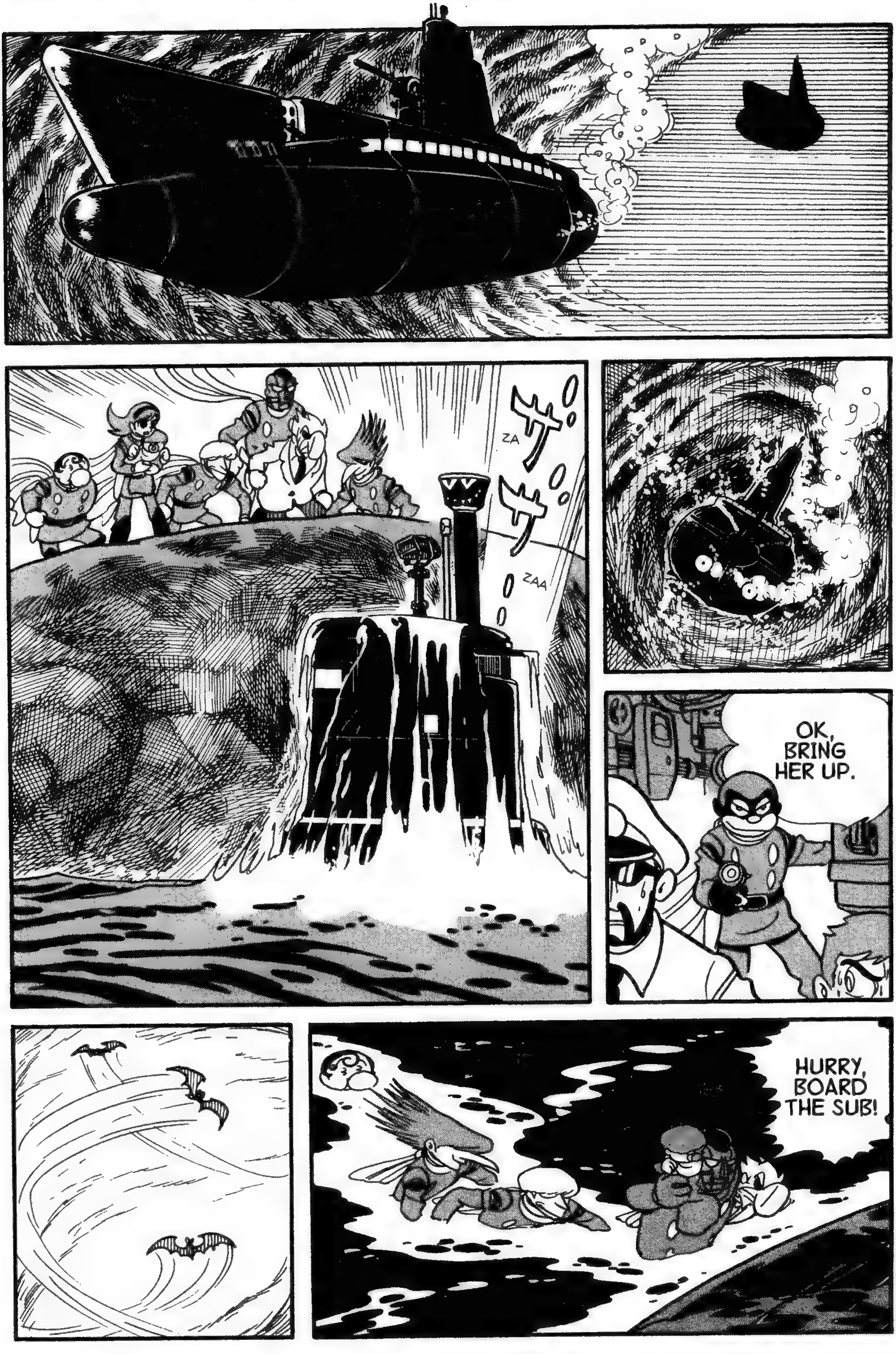

THREE CYBORGS DOVE INTO THE SEA.
HOPE I REMEMBER MY MORSE CODE...
Dot, dot, dash, dot, dash, dash...
WE'RE BEING ORDERED TO SURFACE. THE CYBORGS ARE ASCENDING.
WHAT IS IT? A NEW MESSAGE?
YES.
ROGER.
BEEP
BEEP
KLAK
OKAY, PREPARE TO SURFACE.
IT'S TRUE.
WHAT?
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB


SPLASH
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZAAA
PUT YOUR HANDS UP.
DON'T MOVE.
KLANK
WHAT?
HEH, WHY DON'T YOU PUT YOUR HANDS UP?


DROP YOUR GUNS.
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
GOOD, NOW GET INSIDE.
ZUT
STEP AWAY FROM THE CONSUL.
SHUU
HUH?
WE DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS TO SHOW UP.
BOOM
ALRIGHT, I LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS, 008.
I'M ON IT.


GABAA
LET'S GO FOR A RIDE.
OK, NOW FOR ANOTHER SIGNAL.
Dash, dot, dash, dash, dot...

THE CYBORGS ARE SURFACING.
SPLASH
HUH?
ZUT
ス
WHERE?
UH.
THIS SUB IS MINE NOW.
HAND UP, BOYS!
WHERE DID HE COME FROM?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ZA
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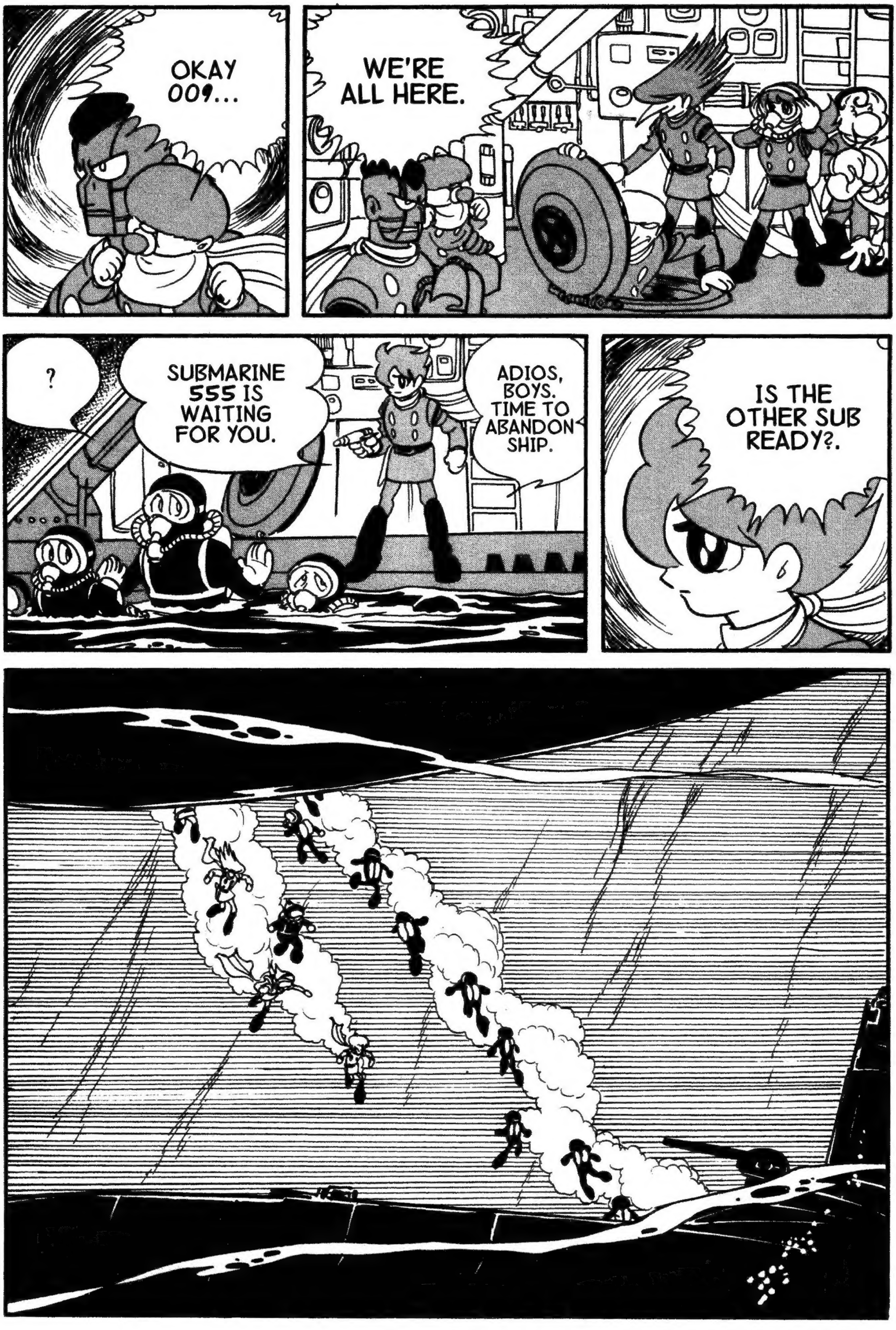
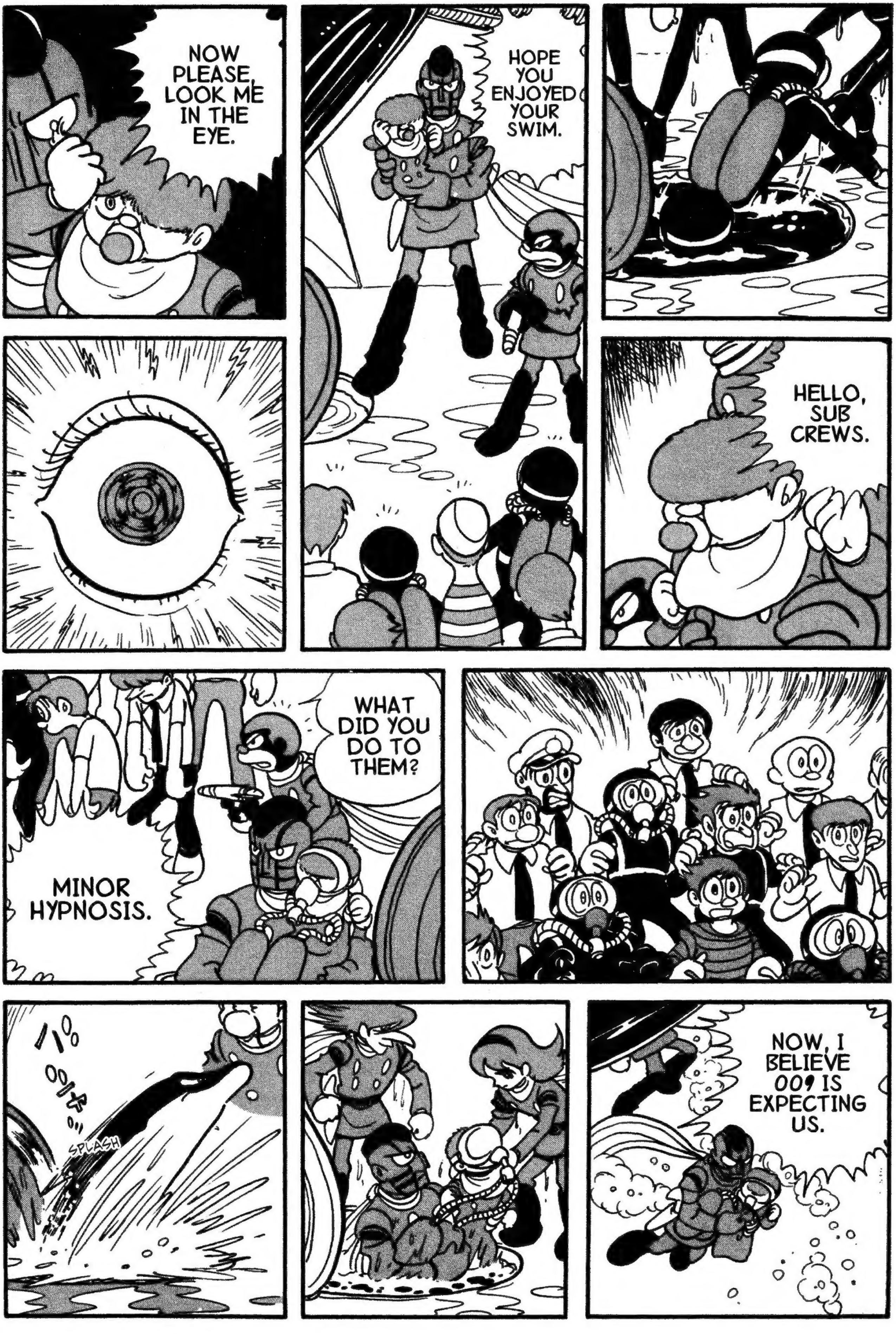
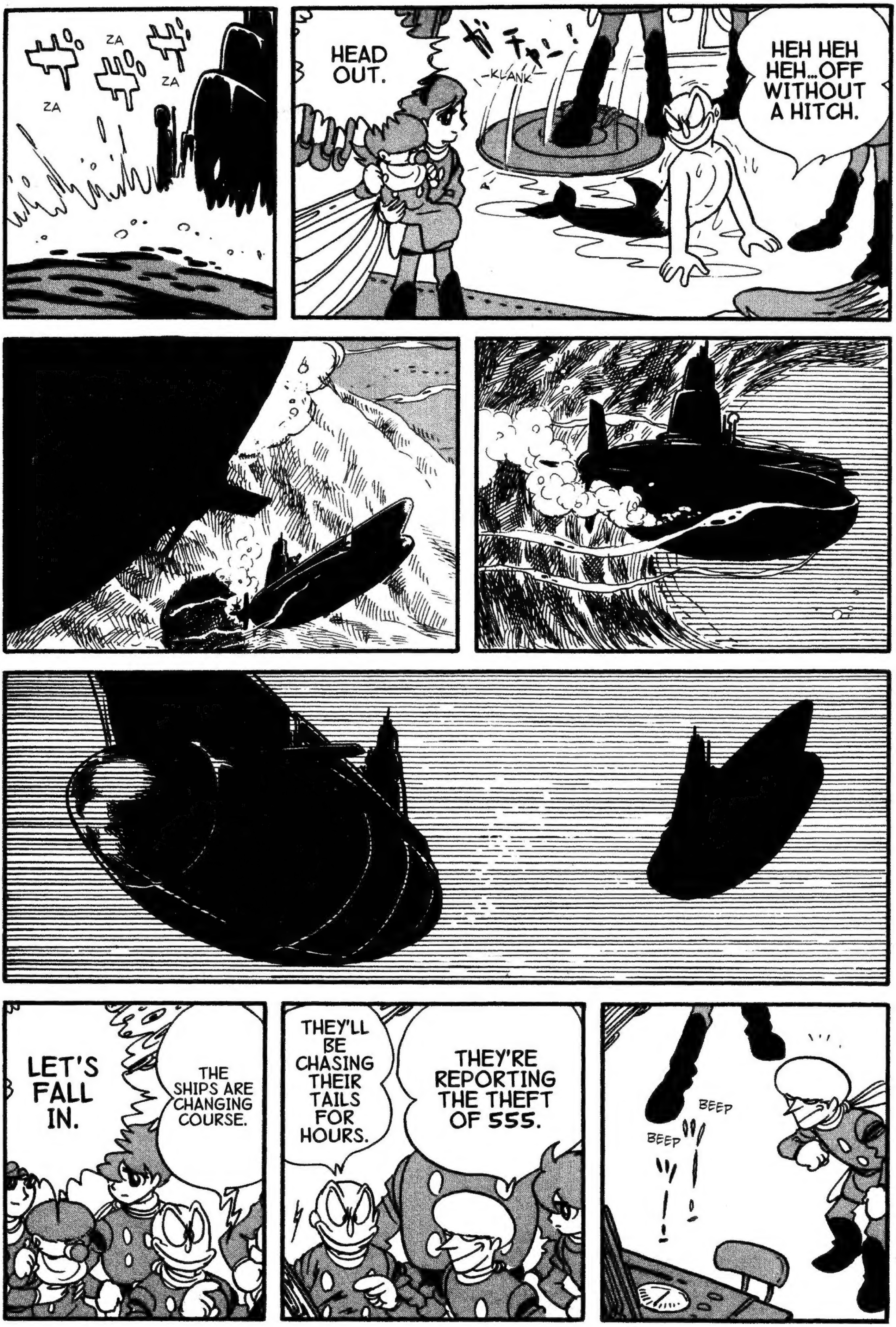
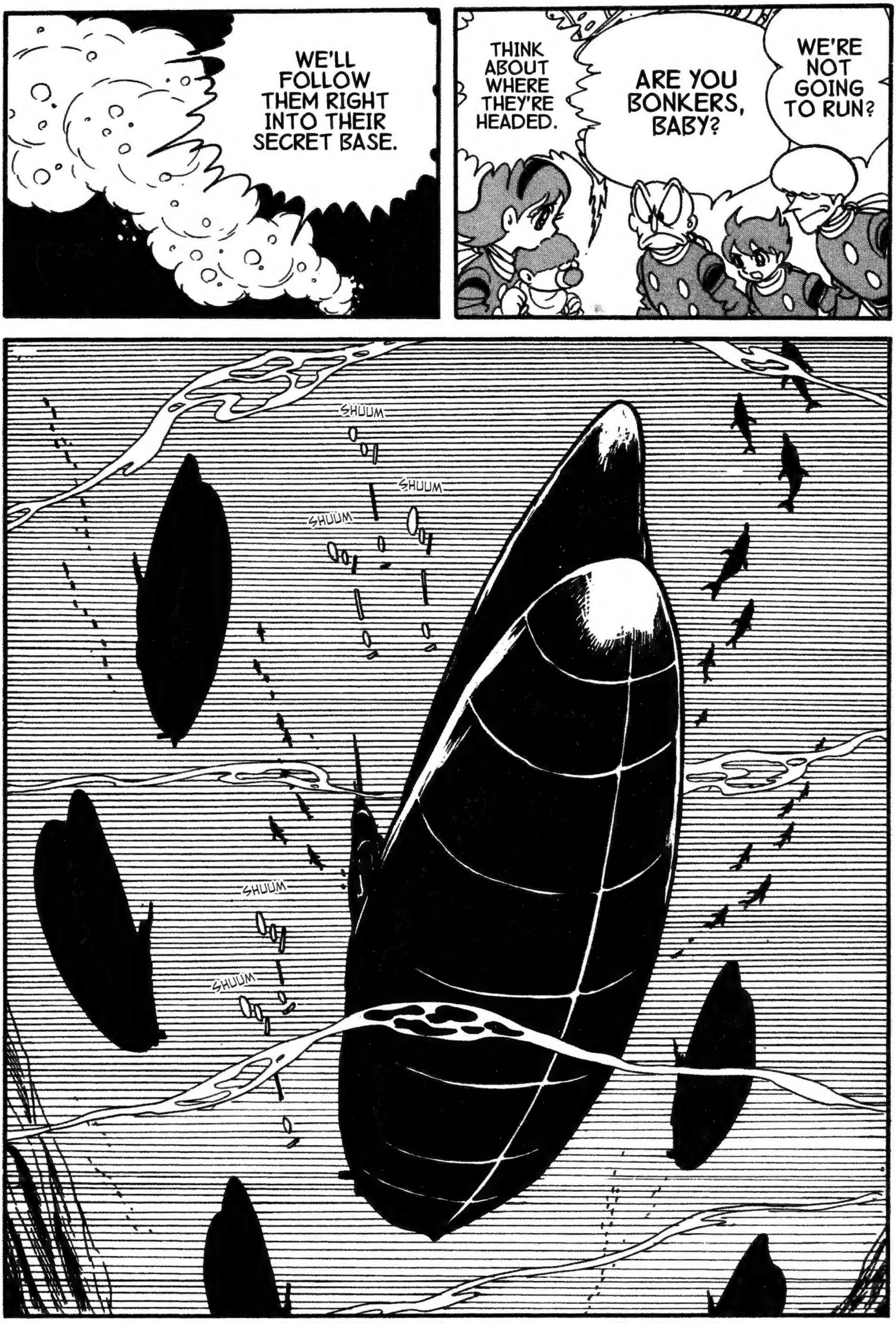
ZAA
OK, BRING HER UP.
HURRY, BOARD THE SUB!


OKAY 009...
WE'RE ALL HERE.
?
SUBMARINE 555 IS WAITING FOR YOU.
ADIOS, BOYS. TIME TO ABANDON SHIP.
IS THE OTHER SUB READY?.


NOW PLEASE, LOOK ME IN THE EYE.
HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR SWIM.
HELLO, SUB CREWS.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?
MINOR HYPNOSIS.
SPLASH
NOW, I BELIEVE 009 IS EXPECTING US.


HEH HEH HEH...OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.
-KLANK
HEAD OUT.
ZA
ZA
ZA
BEEP
BEEP
THEY'RE REPORTING THE THEFT OF 555.
THEY'LL BE CHASING THEIR TAILS FOR HOURS.
THE SHIPS ARE CHANGING COURSE.
LET'S FALL IN.


WE'RE NOT GOING TO RUN?
ARE YOU BONKERS, BABY?
THINK ABOUT WHERE THEY'RE HEADED.
WE'LL FOLLOW THEM RIGHT INTO THEIR SECRET BASE.
SHUUM
SHUUM
SHUUM
SHUUM
SHUUM

TO BE CONTINUED IN CYBORG 009 VOLUME 2